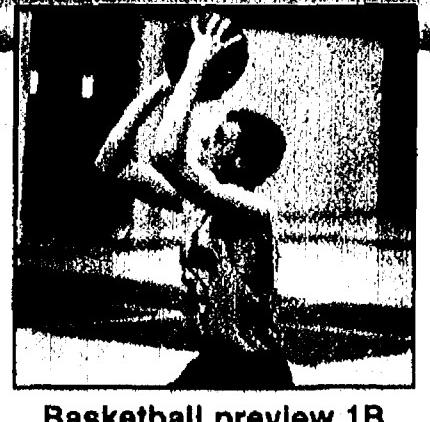




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## Act of good faith ends with assault

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

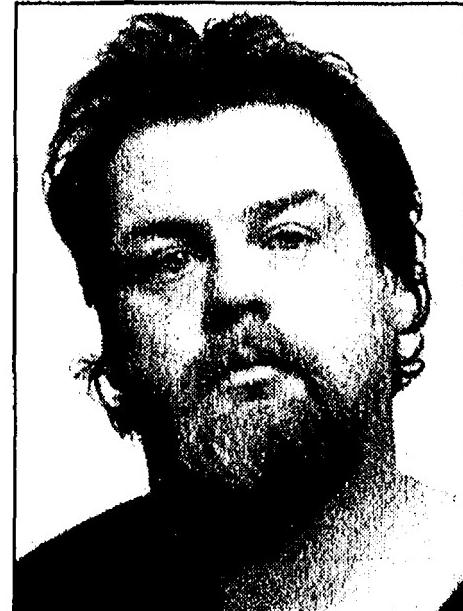
A 47-year old Maple Forest Township woman, acting in good faith, allowed an acquaintance to use her telephone and bathroom, only to have him allegedly turn a gun on her, sexually assault her, rob her, and steal her pick up truck. But, he didn't get away.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said the woman let the man into her home after he stated his truck had broken down nearby and needed to make a call. He also asked to use her bathroom. When the man came out of the bathroom, the woman said he was brandishing a pistol. She told officers she was then tied up, sexually assaulted and robbed.

Deputies Shawn Schnoor and Dean Goss were dispatched at 8:55 p.m. on Sunday, December 8 after the woman managed to free herself and call 911. She gave a description of the suspect and her vehicle, in which he fled. Deputy Schnoor, who was on his way to her residence, spotted the vehicle. He kept his lights off until the suspect sped past him and entered southbound I-75. The suspect did not slow down or stop, but increased his speed.

Speeds reached over 100 m.p.h. as Schnoor chased the suspect on I-75 to an area just south of Grayling, where a roadblock had been established "with the help of Michigan State Police (MSP) Troopers out of Houghton Lake, who just happened to be traveling through Grayling on their way to a call in Mio."

Because the victim's residence is located near the county line, troopers



Charles Robert Starkey

ers from the MSP's Gaylord Post and Otsego County Sheriff's Deputies also assisted in the chase. Grayling Police Officer Tim Coe assisted with the road block and an MSP K-9 unit also helped with the apprehension of the suspect.

Deputies took both the victim's and the suspect's vehicles into custody in order to look for more evidence connected to the crime. Among other things, a handgun and a pocket knife were recovered.

Charles Robert Starkey, age 37 of Flint, was arrested and charged with armed robbery, criminal sexual conduct (CSC) 1st degree (with a weapon used), fleeing and eluding police - 4th degree, felonious assault with a firearm, possession of a firearm, and unlawful driving away an automobile. He may also face misdemeanor charges of possession of marijuana, and driving while license suspended or revoked.

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## Good Samaritans foil robbery

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

Employees and customers of a local supermarket prevented a local woman from being robbed of her purse and wallet when they corralled a purse snatcher in the store's parking lot last Wednesday evening.

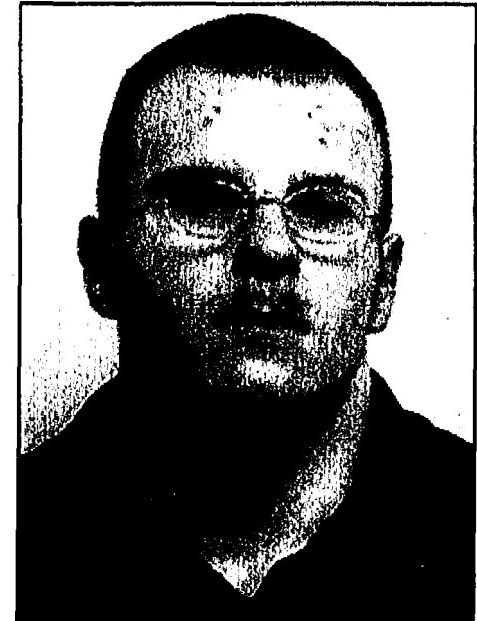
Though Glen's Family Market manager, Tom Cox, wished not to comment on the incident, he did confirm some of his employees helped stop a young man from getting away with the unidentified woman's purse.

Grayling Police Detective Dennis Long said he was dispatched to Glen's Market at about 7:15 p.m. that evening. Upon his arrival, he found William Benjamin Boyd, age 20 of Grayling, formerly of Texas, being detained by one of the store's assistant managers.

Witnesses told Long that Boyd was in the store "acting suspiciously" for some time before he wrestled the purse away from the woman. As she screamed for help, an employee dialed 911, while another chased after Boyd with the victim. That's when a man, described only as "a tall, gentle man" joined in the chase.

Long said, through his questioning of the witnesses, he learned the "tall, gentle man" was Rev. Ron Voelker, former pastor of the Grayling Assembly of God church.

Rev. Voelker said he went to Glen's just after 7 p.m. on



William Benjamin Boyd

December 4 to return a few pop cans and had just stepped inside the store, through the automatic doors, to get his change when he heard someone yell, "Stop him!" Voelker said when he looked up, he saw Boyd running down an aisle toward him and everything after that point happened very quickly.

He remembers Boyd ran so fast, he bumped into Voelker's left side and the glass doors when they didn't open fast enough. The second set of automatic doors also slowed him down a bit.

Boyd ran across the parking lot to a waiting vehicle, driven by a woman with a baby in the car, Voelker said.

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## A merry olde time



Photo by Cheryll Ruley

**Under the direction of Karen Ross (nearest at right), members of the Grayling High School Choirs presented medieval entertainment and a Madrigal Dinner on two nights, December 6-7.**

The Grayling High School Chamber Singers and Concert Choir, under the direction of Karen Ross and accompanied by pianist Deb Hadley, presented the 3rd Annual Madrigal Dinner, December 6-7, at the AuSable Primary School.

Those who came to partake in this traditional, medieval advent

meal, were entertained by song, fanfare and entertainment by The Half-Act Players, who performed "Handel and Gretzky: A Tale of Two Kiddies." There was also Merton, Lord of Misrule and the presentation of the Boar's Head.

On the menu was "Wassail, field Greenes Sallat, Roasted Beef, Mixed Beenes, Roasted

Potatoes, Breads, and Fruit Cobbler." A finer meal, said some, has never been seen nor tasted before.

Although the evening was designed for merriment and enjoyment, diners were asked to "kindly heed the rules of etiquette," and "Pick not thy teeth with thy knife nor with thy finger end, but take a

stick or some clean thing, but then...not offend!" Also, "Tell not unseemly tales at the table, or soil the clothe with thy knife, or rest thy legs upon the table. Lean not upon the table with thy elbows nor dip thy thumbs in thy drink. Do not wipe greasy fingers on thy Continued on Page 2A  
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## Wish fulfilled



Photo courtesy of Sharon Zarnick

**Candy's Christmas wish came true last week after volunteers of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County dressed her up with antlers, a big, red bow and a sign pleading for a new home. It has been reported a very nice lady and her son adopted Candy, making her a very lucky dog. There are many dogs, puppies, cats and kittens just waiting for a new home this holiday season. Call 348-4117 for more information, or stop by the shelter on Huron Street in Grayling.**

## Toy drive needs your help

► As local demand increases, donations falling short of last year's campaign

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

Four years ago, when the local Toys for Tots campaign was initiated, 298 children benefitted from the program. The demand for help by local families from the Marine Corps sponsored program has grown steadily since then, serving about 645 kids, in Crawford County alone, in 2001. This year, the demand is even greater.

Although no referral is needed to receive help, many children are referred to Toys for Tots by the Crawford County Family Independence Agency, River House Shelter and the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center. Children being cared for locally in foster homes are also served by Toys for Tots.

However, not included in the total number of children served are those served through the Adopt-A-Family program at the Help Center. About 130 families have signed up so far for this program.

Local Toys for Tots Program Coordinator, Marianne Gosnell, said although many organizations have recently made some generous

donations to the campaign, there are still many things needed to help fulfill the wish lists of needy kids and ensure there is "no child without a Christmas."

This year, Gosnell said the program is in need of the following items: books for kids of all ages - from infants to late teens, family board games, crayons and school supplies; dolls, stuffed animals, balls (play balls, footballs and especially soccer balls), toy cars and trucks, Tinker Toys®, Legos®, any building toys, and art supplies.

For teens, the needs are different. Besides age appropriate books and school supplies, the campaign is in need of the following items: anything for their bedrooms, including small fiber optic lamps and lava lamps; hand-held battery-operated games, personal care items such as blow dryers, brushes, combs, nail polish and make-up kits, and costume jewelry.

Because of a donation from a manufacturer, Gosnell said the one item she has plenty of are wrist watches, but is in dire need of AA and AAA alkaline batteries for other toys to be distributed.

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## Sign project could help save lives

► Local association installs emergency locator signs on area snowmobile trails

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association (AVSA) of Grayling is spearheading a new sign project involving installation of special trail location markers that should make it much easier for emergency responders to find accident victims in the event of a snowmobile mishap.

The markers are six-inch by eight-inch reflective signs that are equipped with locator numbers. The AVSA, which purchased and installed the signs, recently put the markers up along trails that the association grooms. (The AVSA has a contract with the State of Michigan to groom approximately 70 miles of snowmobile trail in Crawford County. Association members — on a volunteer basis — use the group's two grooming machines to maintain the trails for snowmobilers.)

The AVSA grooms the following trails: the Blue Bear Connector, Frederic Trail, Hanson Hills Trail, Frederic to Blue Bear Connector, Fred Bear Connector, Skyline Trail, and the Grayling Connector.

This year, the AVSA worked the emergency signs into its trail network. The association plans to use this winter as a test run, and if the system works like it should, the AVSA plans to have the signs put into all of Crawford County's snow-

mobile trails for next winter. The AVSA would like to see this system adopted in neighboring counties and, eventually, the whole state, members said.

"It's a system that would be easy to grow," said AVSA President Rich Filley.

The association gave local emergency response groups a catalog that contains a list of all the sign locations. They are mapped by global positioning system coordinates, so if a caller relays the sign number, emergency crews can pinpoint the location of the accident and dispatch accordingly, potentially saving many precious minutes during a life-threatening situation.

Since many trails have parts in remote locations, emergency responders have at times had difficulty finding accident scenes on the trails, AVSA members said, and they believe the new sign system will help eliminate this problem. Also, since many sections of trail look the same, it can be difficult to describe a location to 911 dispatch from the trail. With the emergency trail markers, people won't have to. They just need to tell the 911 operator that they are in Crawford County and the sign number.

The signs are no further than one mile apart, according to the AVSA. The separation degree varies, members said, but most are much closer than one mile apart.

Before installing the signs, AVSA members met with representatives from 911 dispatch, the Sheriff's Department, and other local emergency responders.

The new snowmobile trail emergency trail locator signs look like this. They are 6X8 inches in size, reflective, and have a number (trail number followed by location number). In the event of an emergency on a snowmobile trail, people can call 911, give the operator the number on the sign, and emergency responders will know the caller's location. The project — coordinated and sponsored by the AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association of Grayling — will only involve trails maintained by the AVSA this winter. Next year, the association plans to have the signs installed along all snowmobile trails in Crawford County, and the group hopes the system spreads to other counties — eventually throughout the entire state.

"The meeting was real positive, we got a lot of good feedback," said Tom Everly of the AVSA.

"It looks like it will work out real well and will be a good thing for the county."

Filley credits Everly with spearheading the project and making it happen.

"(The AVSA) has been considering this for quite a while. Tom called me and said he wanted to do it, and

he ran with it," he said.

"This is a great thing," Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said. "These guys are highly organized. It's a good plan. If someone (on a snowmobile trail) calls 911, we will know immediately where they're at."

"It's going to be a good deal. I promote it 100 percent," Sheriff Wakefield said. "This will be good for the community."

## A merry olde time was had by all

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beards."

GHS Chamber Singers and Concert Choir members are: Angel Adair, Kelsy Andrus, Jessie Ayers, Sara Babbitt, Justin Baldwin, Beth Bonnington, Barb Brown, Nick

Carrothers, Natalie Christman, Summer Coe, Nikki Cook, Macghan Corwin, Glen Cousins, Chelsea Curriston, Ellie Curriston, Cortney Dagner, Shelly Decker, Amanda Denison, Sarah Dent, Amber Edgerton, Danielle Fedak, Gary Feeney, Danielle Gintner, Chris Goscicki, Emily Guardado, Jack Hagerman, Rachel Hagle, Ryan Harland, Ashley Hawley, Heather Helsel, Brandon Himmel, Cassie King, Lance Kinsfien, Aneave Limmel, Ashley Lockwood, Kyle Luce, Maggie Mahaney, Jenny Mathey, Hannah Miller, Miranda Milliken, Ruth Mills, Ashlea Mitchell, Nerissa Morris, Cody Myers, Ray Nichols, John O'Connor, Mallory Olson, Samantha Palmer, Liz Pegouskie, Kortney Poll, Ashley Powers, Tabitha Rashid, Kelly Rogers, Nicole Roman, Rich Ryan, Kristal Schalau, Annie Shunatona, Ben Smith, Krista Smith, Tricia Smith, Marvin Smith, B.J. Sorenson, Justin Spencer, Ariel Strohkirch, Laura Strohkirch, Brandy Stuck, Nick

Terry, Anna Todoroff, Chris True, Jesse VanSlyke, Katie Voelker, Jessica Wakeley, Stephanie Wakeley, Brandy Welch, Derek

Wilder, Mike Yost, and Jamie Zelek.

The annual Madrigal Dinner is a fund-raising event for the high school choirs.



Photo by Cheryl Rulay

Playing two lovely maidens, choir members served the modern version of wassail, traditionally made in the 16th century of spiced ale, eggs, cream and apples as an Anglo-Saxon drink to good health.

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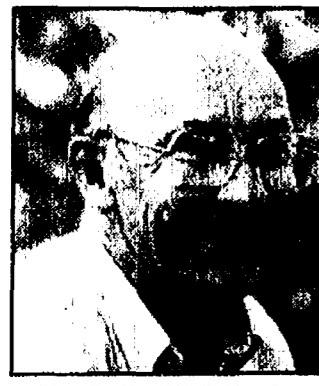
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# OPINIONS



## ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

## How will Strom Thurmond be remembered?

THE MEASURE of a man, it is said, is how he is remembered after he's gone.

If that is the case, how will history treat South Carolina Senator Strom Thurmond, who is leaving the U.S. senate after a record-setting 48 years in that body?

In the last few weeks, according to a Cox News Service report, "he has been praised by his colleagues as a patriot who rushed to the front in time of war, a Christian of unshakable faith, a 'Southern gentleman of the first order,' a master politician devoted to his home state of South Carolina, and the man who threw the first body blow to the one-party system in the south."

"He is not only a great man, but he has done great things in his life," said Senator Orrin Hatch.

"A man of iron with a heart of gold," said Senator Joe Lieberman.

And on and on.

In my opinion, history will not be so kind to Mr. Thurmond .... nor should it.

**STROM THURMOND** has had an amazing political career. He has been a force in local and state politics, ran for president and racked up 39 electoral votes, was elected U.S. senator as a write-in candidate, and has lived to be 100 years old so far.

But he also used his political skill and the offices he won to champion segregation and state's rights, defy the constitution and supreme court rulings, help divide the country along racial lines and perpetuate those divisions which remain as one of America's greatest social and political problems today.

True, Mr. Thurmond eventually abandoned segregation. Finally in 1982, he cast his first vote for a civil rights bill. He was the first southern senator to hire a black aide. He has favored appointments of black judges.

But was the conversion because of moral conviction, or political reality? Only Strom Thurmond knows for certain.

AS GOVERNOR of South Carolina, he disagreed with President Truman over civil rights and became the 1948 presidential nominee of the States' Rights splinter party -- the so-called Dixiecrats -- whose platform vowed to end "social intermingling of the races."

According to a recent Cox News Service report, Dixiecrat Candidate Thurmond said: "There's not enough troops in the Army to break down segregation and admit Negroes into our homes, our theaters and our swimming pools. The nation will never forget this fight we're making."

Despite loss of those 39 electoral votes from southern states which Dixiecrats siphoned from him in 1948, Harry Truman still had enough national support to defeat Republican Tom Dewey in a close race, made tighter by anti-civil rights defections.

Six years later, Strom Thurmond took his brand of defiant segregationist beliefs to the

Senate, winning on write in votes. He soon produced the Southern Manifesto, a public declaration opposing the supreme court ruling which had ordered desegregation of public schools.

FROM DIXIECRAT and southern Democrat, Mr. Thurmond finally migrated to the Republican side in the 1960s as the tide of history changed and civil rights laws were enacted one after another.

He set the pace for other southern politicians, and today Republicans have major strength in southern states.

Strom Thurmond set many political records in his 69 years in active politics -- at 100, the oldest person to serve in congress ... the only write-in candidate to win a Senate seat ... his 48 years the longest tenure in Congress ... the longest filibuster in Senate history (against civil rights, of course).

What is the positive side of Strom Thurmond's public service record? Unless

you're a racist and segregationist, not much.

There's no Thurmond legacy in defense or foreign relations. No notable contributions in health care or the environment or problems of the aging. Nothing notable in working to solve any human or national or international problems that have bedeviled this country for the past 48 years.

Strom Thurmond embodied almost magical gifts of persuasion and keen political insight .... and he used these gifts for all the wrong causes.

How will history treat Strom Thurmond? In addition to his vain attempts to thwart the advancement of human rights, his main claim to lasting fame is that he lived 100 years.

What a wasted life.

*Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.*

# EDITOR

## Northern Michigan youth rehabilitation programs must be spared

To the editor,

Northern Michigan residents:

Did you know northern Michigan may soon be losing a youth rehabilitation program that has successfully treated thousands of Michigan youth ages 14-19, has been used as a model and copied by other states?

Nokomis Challenge Center in Prudenville is being challenged in a new way. Budget cuts threaten to cut back services and downsize Nokomis and Shawano Center in Grayling. This could mean a loss of many jobs in the area, which means loss of monies spent on local merchants for supplies, food, taxes, and other necessary items and a loss of services to the youth of Michigan.

Operated by Michigan Family

Independence Agency, Nokomis has been helping Michigan youth for longer than 15 years. About five years ago, a \$3 million dollar renovation established the center as a state-of-the-art facility which could quickly change from a 40-bed open Wilderness treatment program to a 10-bed detention center or a closed minimum security facility, all within a short notice, depending on need. Also available is a 10-bed alcohol/drug abuse treatment component.

The program was designed to provide a safe environment in which a youth can learn the harm they have done, accept responsibility for their actions, build self-esteem, learn problem solving and develop self-

confidence. Interpersonal relationships, social skills and anger management are learned with the use of positive peer counseling and degree trained personnel assist the youth in their rehabilitation. GED, classroom schooling, and parenting classes are also available.

The program also has the only "ropes" course available for use by the center and other agencies in the state to allow the youth to experience themselves as leaders who are capable of more than they have ever accomplished. Nokomis Challenge Center takes a holistic approach to rehabilitation with each element integrated with all the others.

The training consists of a high intensity six to nine month plan

compared to other programs which can take two years or longer to accomplish the same outcome, without the Wilderness component or the ropes course.

Private projects are being touted as the "new way to go" to treat Michigan youth through newly established federal block grants.

Most of these private programs take only the "cream of the crop" of troubled youth: kids they view as being able to successfully treat to make their projects look good and cost effective.

What happens to the rest if Nokomis and other centers are not there for them? What happens when the federal funds no longer are available? The state has already closed

parts of Maxey Training School in Whitmore Lake, the Flint Regional Detention Center and a number of half-way houses. Where will the most troubled youth go who need the type of treatment provided by Nokomis?

These two northern Michigan programs have a well established proven record of success with both the "easy" and the most difficult of cases. Many youths have gone on to finish high school, college and become tax-paying members of the state, then come back to the camp to "show and tell" others what can happen when someone cares and helps lead you in the right direction.

I may be prejudiced because my husband works at Nokomis but I

have heard the success stories and know what the staff put into their work. It is not "just a job" for the staff, they really care about these kids and work to make a difference in their lives.

Find out about Nokomis Challenge Center, ask questions, encourage judges and the courts to use the Center and write or e-mail your legislators to keep funding for the programs and keep them in northern Michigan.

Isn't it better to rehabilitate (teach) than incarcerate (warehouse)? These youths are our future, and the future is now for them!

Sherry Haag  
Grayling

## For those who litter, vandalize: please grow up!

To the editor,

I read about the destruction of the ice sculpture and broken window at J. Dap in the November 28 issue of the Avalanche. Further into the paper, I read about the luminaries that were tampered with the night of the Christmas Walk.

It comes as no surprise, really. Just add it to the list of other acts of malicious behavior in this town: damage to the gates of the Rayburn property, human feces found on the playground equipment in the city

park over the summer, tamperings at the cemetery, and deliberate smashing of the edges of the bike path in certain spots.

There is another issue that is becoming worse as time goes on. That is the litter. I walk the railroad tracks, woodland trails, and the Rayburn property. The amount of garbage is unbelievable -- everything from disposable diapers to engine oil containers.

I kayak on the river and that is a dumping ground for beer and soft

drink containers, and fast food wrappers.

I used to blame all this on the "downstaters," but am becoming more convinced that it is the locals doing it. What happened to respect? Isn't part of the reason we live in this area because of the natural beauty?

If young people are doing this than they need to channel their excess energy to something more positive. If adults are taking part in damaging nice things we have and

making the town look like a trash bin, then please grow up! If you don't appreciate what we have, leave it alone for those of us who do.

It is a shame that the things created for our enjoyment can not be left alone and efforts to make our community a pretty and welcoming place are spoiled.

Carroll Wakeley  
Grayling

**Disclaimer:** The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Crawford County Avalanche.

## Too many cats need homes

To the editor,

Attention cat lovers of Crawford County: we are in the midst of a crisis!

As a regular volunteer at our county's animal shelter, it has become increasingly clear that there are just too many cats here that have no home and no future.

Unfortunately, each year, many beautiful, healthy and sweet cats are euthanized at the animal shelter. We wish we could save them all. Recent expansion does allow the shelter to hold more cats than in the past, but there are still too many cats coming in. Even after having to put down a number of cats over the past month, there are still nearly 40 cats at the shelter available for adoption.

Please, if you have a cat, have it spayed or neutered. While "fixing" your cat is not cheap, it is well worth the cost. Outdoor cats will get into fewer scrapes and won't surprise you with unwanted litters. Indoor cats are less likely

to attempt to sneak out and disappear.

Unfortunately, many of the cats that show up at the shelter are clearly well-adjusted house cats. Owners rarely come in to claim them.

If you are missing a cat, please come in and see if it is sitting in one of our cages, just waiting for you. Look, and then look again in a few weeks. We've had cats show up at the shelter months after they left home.

If you aren't able to find your friend, please consider giving a loving home to one of the homeless and needy cats at the shelter. This is the season of giving -- the perfect season to give a beautiful cat a family and a long life.

You can save a cat's life by adopting one from the shelter. You can help save more lives by controlling the local cat population. Have your cat spayed or neutered.

Cheryl Postma  
Grayling

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Our office will close at noon on Tuesday, Christmas Eve, December 24th.

Deadlines for the December 26th

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The Avalanche office will reopen on Thursday, December 26th at 9 am.

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## River House to destroy old client files

All program participant files will be destroyed on January 15, 2003 if there has been no service provided prior to December 15, 1992. For former clients wishing further information about this process or who are interested in receiving their file prior to January 15, 2003, contact the shelter in writing at: River House Shelter, P.O. Box 66, Grayling, MI 49738, or call (989) 348-3169 or toll-free at 1-888-554-3169.

## Chapel to perform Christmas cantata

Lovells Community Chapel, located at 8133 Bald Hill Road in Lovells Township, will present "A Song was Born at Christmas," a cantata performed by the Lovells Community Chapel Choir, at its Sunday, December 15 service at 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 348-2701 or 348-9567.

## Planetarium presents 'Season of Light'

The Jesse Besser Museum's Planetarium will be presenting a special holiday offering, "Season of Light," each Sunday at 2 p.m., and the Saturdays dated December 21 and 28, at 2 p.m. Planetarium staff say this is a "must see show during the holiday season." Through seasonal music and beautiful visuals, explore the origin of best-loved holiday traditions, such as gift-giving and tree decorating, and investigate why Christmas is celebrated on December 25, who the wise men were and a possible explanation for the Star of Bethlehem. The Jesse Besser Museum and Planetarium are located on Johnson Street in Alpena. For more information, call (989) 356-2202.

## Eastern Orthodox service offered

Eastern Orthodox Christian leader, Father James Bogdan, will make a pastoral visit to Traverse City on Saturday, December 14. He will celebrate the Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m. (Orthos at 9:30 a.m.) at Grace Episcopal Church, located at 341 Washington Street, across from the courthouse in Traverse City. A social gathering will follow. All faithful are invited to attend. For more information, call (231) 932-6868.

## Eastern Star plan holiday festivities

Grayling Chapter #83 Order of Eastern Star will hold a Christmas Cookie Walk, Soup and Salad Luncheon and Bazaar on Friday, December 13. Cookie Walk and Bazaar open at 10 a.m. with lunch at 11 a.m. at the Masonic Temple, 304 East Michigan Avenue, in Grayling. The public is welcome. Also, a joint Annual School of Instruction will be held with the Roscommon Chapter on December 18. A pot luck dinner will be served at 6 p.m. and all officers and members are encouraged to come for this informative evening. The Grand Instructor will be happy to answer any questions before or after the meeting.

## Band Booster fruit pickup this Saturday

Anyone who ordered fruit from the Band Boosters' recent fund-raiser must pick up their order at Grayling Elementary School on Saturday, December 14, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Any questions should be directed to Barb Domicik at 348-2523.

## GMS to present 'The Spirit of Christmas'

On December 13 and 14, Grayling Middle School students will present "The Spirit of Christmas," a collection of three short plays: "Gift of the Magi," "The Least of These," and "Silver Coins." Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for students. Performances begin at 7 p.m. both evenings in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School. Proceeds from the production will go to help local families in need. For more information, call Stacey Rosin at 344-0622.

## Hospice seeking volunteers

Hospice of Michigan is seeking volunteers with willing hands and hearts to provide support to the terminally ill and their families.

Anyone who would like to enhance the quality of life of a terminally ill patient and his or her family by providing a gentle touch, warm smile and listening ear, this is the opportunity for you.

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A 12-hour training session will be offered in January and will include instruction on communication and listening skills, death and dying.

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## GHS 'Meet the Grads Day' set for Dec. 20

The traditional Grayling High School "Meet the Grads Day" is planned for Friday, December 20 in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium.

For those not familiar with the ceremony, "Meet the Grads" is a unique opportunity for recent alumni of Grayling High School (GHS) to relate their experiences concerning continued education to current high school juniors and seniors.

Persons who have enrolled in colleges or universities, students of technical or vocational schools, and members of the armed services are all welcome to partake in the event.

by sharing their feelings about the transfer from GHS to other educational positions.

This reception will be held from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and all former graduates presently seeking post secondary education are invited to attend.

This event is hosted by the AuSable Chapter of the National Honor Society, with the assistance of the GHS counseling office. All persons currently involved in continued education are encouraged to attend the annual presentation of this event.

## Free seminar covers rules of smart investing

Athletes know it. Musicians know it. Researchers and aspiring politicians know it. Patience and discipline are necessary to achieve almost any long-term goal.

Kurt Loll, of the financial-services firm Edward Jones, knows it too -- patience and discipline are two keys to successful investing.

That's why Loll is hosting "Rules of the Road: A Common Sense Seminar on Investing" on Tuesday, December 17, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library in Grayling.

"These ideas aren't any big secret," Loll said. "In fact, to invest successfully, you mainly need to follow a few simple guidelines and stick to your game plan."

Loll said that, according to a national survey, people invest for many reasons. "Nearly 50 percent invest to save a nest egg and to save for their children's college edu-

cation," he said. "Having a plan is vital. It helps you focus on your goals, and it helps you maintain that focus during temporary drops in the market. In other words, it helps you remain patient and disciplined."

The "Rules of the Road" seminar will cover the keys to successful investing by addressing important factors to consider such as taxes, quality investments, price diversification, long-term investing, losses and careful decision-making.

"In about 60 minutes, I will provide those who attend with 10 steps to follow when investing before and during retirement," Loll said. "Whether your dream is to live comfortably in retirement or to send your kids to college, this seminar can show you that those dreams can become reality if you follow the rules of the road."

The seminar is free of charge, but space is limited. To register, call Loll at 348-6964.

## Community Foundation Executive Director to discuss importance of philanthropy

creating an endowment will also be highlighted.

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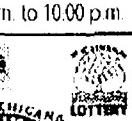
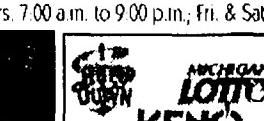
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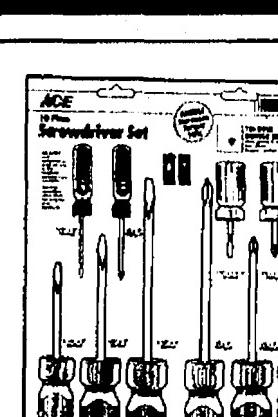
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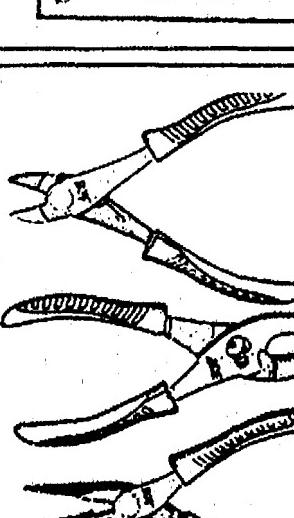
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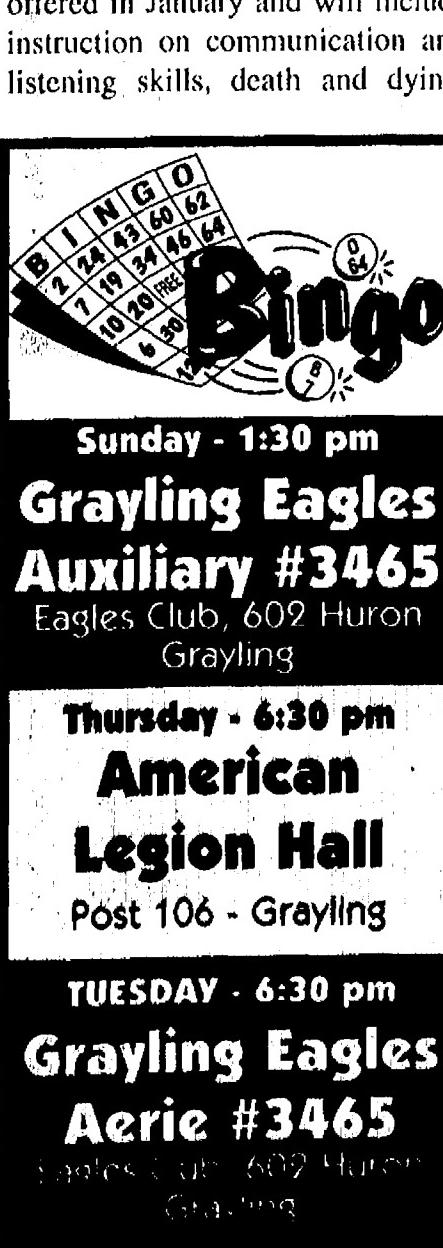
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# The Bible Speaks

## Jesus Christ is God

A fifth grade teacher in a Christian school asked her class to look at TV commercials and see if they could use them in some way to communicate ideas about God. Here are some of the results: God is like BAYER ASPIRIN He works miracles. God is like a FORD He's got a better idea. God is like COKE. He's the real thing. God is like HALLMARK CARDS. He cares enough to send His very best. God is like TIDE. He gets the stains out that others leave behind. God is like GENERAL ELECTRIC. He brings good things to life. God is like SEARS. He has everything. God is like ALKA-SELTZER. Try him, you'll like him. God is like SCOTCH TAPE. You can't see him, but you know He's there. God is like DELTA. He's ready when you are. God is like ALLSTATE. You're in good hands with Him. God is like VO-5 Hair Spray. He holds through all kinds of weather. God is like DIAL SOAP. Aren't you glad you have Him? Don't you wish everybody did. God is like the U.S. POST OFFICE. Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet nor ice will keep Him from His appointed destination.

But God is not pantheistic, but theistic. Things cannot really describe God. Only Jesus Christ can reveal God because He is God. Jesus Christ said in John 10:30: "I and my Father are one." He told Phillip in John 14:9: "he that hath seen me hath seen the Father." He told us in 1 John 5:7: "For there are

three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one." We know from John 1:1-3,14 that the Word was God made flesh in Jesus Christ. It was this truth which caused the Jews to accuse Jesus Christ of blasphemy in John 10:33: "The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God."

There is no other truth so hated and persecuted today as the fact that Jesus Christ is God. The Jews were at least honest enough to agree Jesus Christ made this claim. The Muslims claim to honor Jesus Christ as a great prophet, but deny He even claimed to be God. The liberals honor Jesus Christ as a great human being, but deny His claim to be God. But Jesus Christ could be neither a great prophet nor a good man if He were not God. Because if He is not God as He claimed, He is a liar, deceiver, and blasphemer.

Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your God and Savior? "Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. 9Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name

which is above every name: 10That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth: 11And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Phil. 2:5-11)

"As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." (Rom. 14:11) You will either bow before Jesus Christ now and accept Him as your Savior and God, or you will bow before Him some day as your judge. Jesus Christ holds the keys to Heaven or Hell. Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Website at <http://www.i2k.net-cba>. We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday.

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## Northrop-Ostrander wed

Christa Lynn Northrop, daughter of Jerry and Linda Northrop of Grayling, and Shannon Lee Ostrander, son of Dale and Sharon Metts and Roger and Gyla Ostrander of Lansing, were united in marriage on June 1, 2002. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Jeffrey Jagers at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling.

The matron of honor was Lisa Northrop of Grayling, sister-in-law of the bride. The best man was Chad Ostrander of Lansing, brother of the groom.

Bridesmaids were friends of the bride Jackie DiGrazia of Sterling Heights, Amy Brown of Lansing and Trina McIntyre, also of Lansing.

Groomsmen were friends of the groom, Dan Clark and Chad Hunt, both of Lansing; brother of the groom, Dave Metts of Lansing; and brother of the bride, Corey Northrop of Grayling.

Junior bridesmaids were cousins of the bride, Megan Miller of Roscommon and Amanda Hathaway of Holland. Junior groomsman was cousin of the bride, Jordan Hathaway of Holland.

The flower girl was cousin of the groom, Cassie Wagner of Lansing; the ring bearer was Alex Hernandez of Lansing, a friend of the groom.

Ushers were Scott and Michael Miller of Roscommon, cousins of the bride.

The reception was held at the Grayling Holiday Inn and the couple honeymooned in Maui, Hawaii before returning to Lansing where they make their home.



To climb a mountain is a test and a challenge. Setting off to reach the pinnacle requires good equipment, proper clothing and training. It takes skill, physical fitness and determination to endure the harshness of the climb. Once invaded, the mountain throws obstacles in the path of the invader. As if to say,

*"I will not give up my silent majesty easily."*

Many climbers have heard the voices of the mountain and experienced its anger. The howling winds, the bitter cold, lack of oxygen and exhaustion face the intruder who dares conquer it. But once conquered, the victory is sweet.

Like the mountain, God does not always give up His silent majesty easily. Obstacles thrown in our path may make us falter and fail, but He gives us new strength with every new difficulty.

To reach God's summit is to climb heavenward. Seek His strength and refuge this week.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Isaiah 11:1-16	Isaiah 12:1-6	Zephaniah 3:8-20	Zechariah 9:9-17	Psalm 24	Psalm 18	Isaiah 60:1-22

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Prayer Meeting .....7 pm  
Tuesday .....7 pm

**Lovells Chapel**  
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Sunday School .....10 am  
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Prayer Meeting .....7-8 pm

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**First Baptist Church of Frederic**  
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Sunday Worship .....7 pm

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Wednesday Service .....7 pm

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Sunday Service .....10 am

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Sunday Morning Worship .....11 am  
Sunday Evening Worship .....6 pm  
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Rachel Sowinski and Jackie Weinel were two of the first people through the doors at the Rialto Theatre last Saturday afternoon for the second of two special showings of the movie "Shrek." Admission was a donation of food to the Christian Help Center or a toy to the local Toys for Tots campaign. The event was sponsored by the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Rialto Theatre and the Grayling Uptown District Association (GUDA).

## OMH lab passes the test

Otsego Memorial Hospital has achieved two-year accreditation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations after an on-site survey found the Hospital's Medical Laboratory to be in compliance with the Joint Commission's national standards for clinical and pathology laboratories.

"We continually strive to improve the quality of our services, and meeting the Joint Commission's rigorous national standards is an important recognition of our efforts," said Sharon Pudyan, Laboratory Director.

The Joint Commission evaluated the laboratory's performance in complying with nearly 300 standards related to quality control, safety, infection control, leadership, management of human resources, management of information, ongoing performance improvement activities and other issues.

The Laboratory Department is one of the fastest-growing departments in Otsego Memorial Hospital. The laboratory processes more than 77,500 specimens in a typical month, and approximately 1 million specimens each year.

In addition to the main department within the Hospital, the laboratory also provides on-site services in OMH's Professional Medical Building, at Otsego Diagnostic and Specialty Center, and provides daily courier services to physician offices throughout Gaylord and Lewiston for the collection of specimens, which are processed at the laboratory.

The Joint Commission surveys medical laboratories every two years.

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## Art students exhibit works

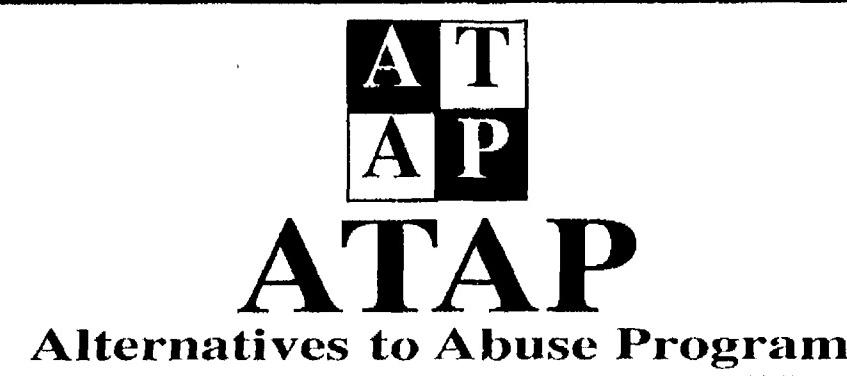
Kirtland Community College's annual fall student art exhibit and reception is scheduled for Friday, December 13 at the Conference Center Art Gallery.

Works on display include the best from students in ceramics, computer-generated images, design, digital communications, digital darkroom, drawing, illustration, painting, photography, rendering and sculpture.

The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served.

"It's a great opportunity to celebrate another outstanding semester in the art department," instructor Scott Rice said.

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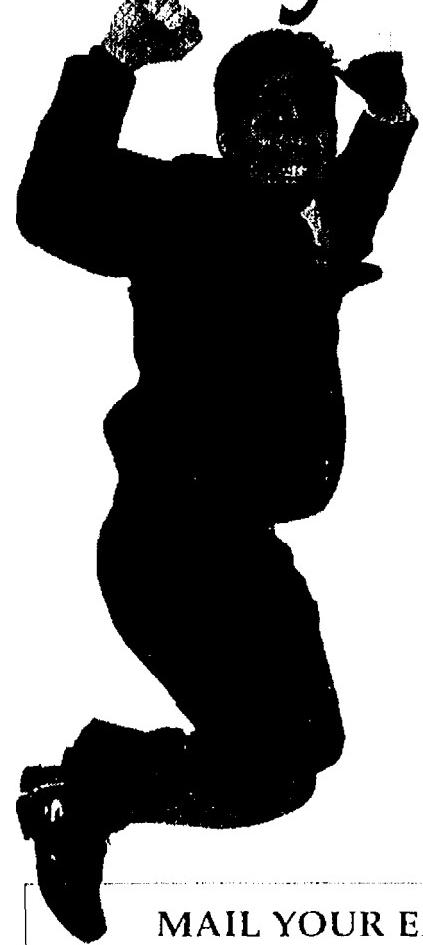
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## Two local motels join tourist association

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North Country Lodge has been serving the public for 30 years. Open year-round, with air conditioning and color cable TV in all rooms, North Country also offers queen size beds, VCRs, and kitchenettes in most rooms. Deluxe two and three bedroom apartments are also available. Choose from smoking or non-smoking rooms. Pets are also welcome.

River Country Motor Lodge is a country-style lodge in a country setting, minutes from four seasons of fun. Remote cable TV with HBO, as well as microwaves and refrigerators are available. Cabins and kitchenettes are available as well. There

is a play area for the little ones, and picnic area and fire pit. Located next to a snowmobile trail, River Country also features a heated garage for snowmobile use.

As WMTA members, both lodges will be included in the 2003 edition of the *West Michigan Carefree Travel* guide, a catalog of more than 1,000 places to stay and play in the region. Distributed each March, this free publication has a circulation of 150,000.

Also, both River Country Motor Lodge and North Country Lodge are listed on WMTA OnLine at [www.wmta.org](http://www.wmta.org) under the category of "Accommodations."

The lodges will also be promoted through WMTA's various marketing and media efforts, which generated \$1.2 million worth of promotion in 2002.

Founded in 1917, WMTA is the oldest continuously-operating regional tourism association in the

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## Help available for job seekers with disabilities

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The tickets are part of a new, voluntary program that promotes the employment of Social Security and SSI recipients with disabilities.

From now until the end of April, 2003, the Social Security Administration will mail over 320,000 tickets to Michigan residents with disabilities. The tickets will be accompanied by instructions directing the users to call for a listing of approved employment networks.

The employment networks have been recruited to provide vocational and employment placement services to recipients of Social Security and SSI disability benefits.

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## Manufacturing business restarted on smaller scale

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

The sign near the intersection of Isenhauer Drive and North Down River Road looks different now. It used to read CSI Industrial Systems. Then, in June 2002, CSI was forced by bad economic times to close its doors throwing 75 people in the Grayling area out of work.

Some of the CSI engineers banded together to start Kodiak Group, now located in the industrial park east of town. They continued to work on projects that were already underway, but have since continued with new projects.

In September 2002, the owners of Dobson Heavy Haul of Bay City took possession of the plant after purchasing much of the CSI equipment and started up IMM Inc.

Dobson had worked with CSI in the past when Dobson installed equipment that CSI had engineered and built for the General Motors foundry in Saginaw. Dobson was impressed with the quality of CSI

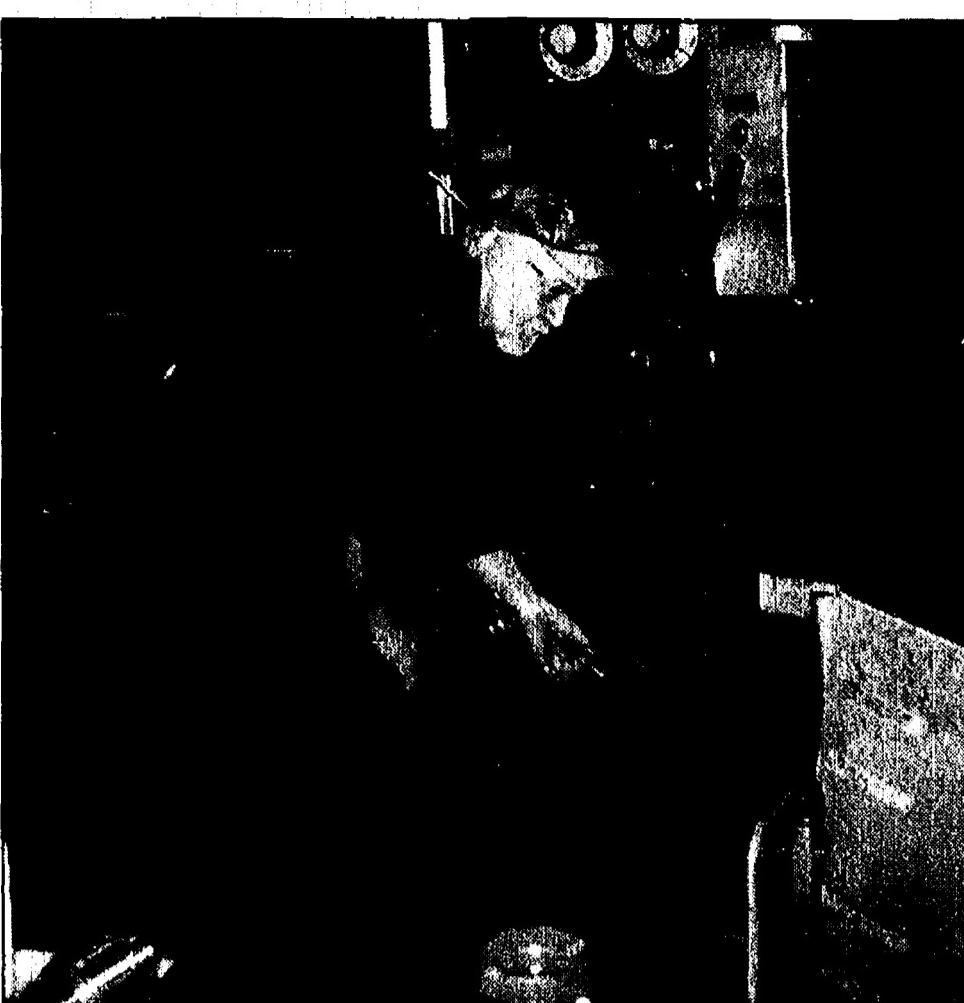
products and although the economy is not robust now they felt the opportunity to purchase the plant was too good to miss.

Unlike CSI, which combined engineering and manufacturing, IMM is strictly a manufacturing operation. President Chris Vlk said IMM works with the Kodiak Group to find jobs. Since they used to work for the same company, each business is familiar with the capabilities of the other and jobs are referred in both directions.

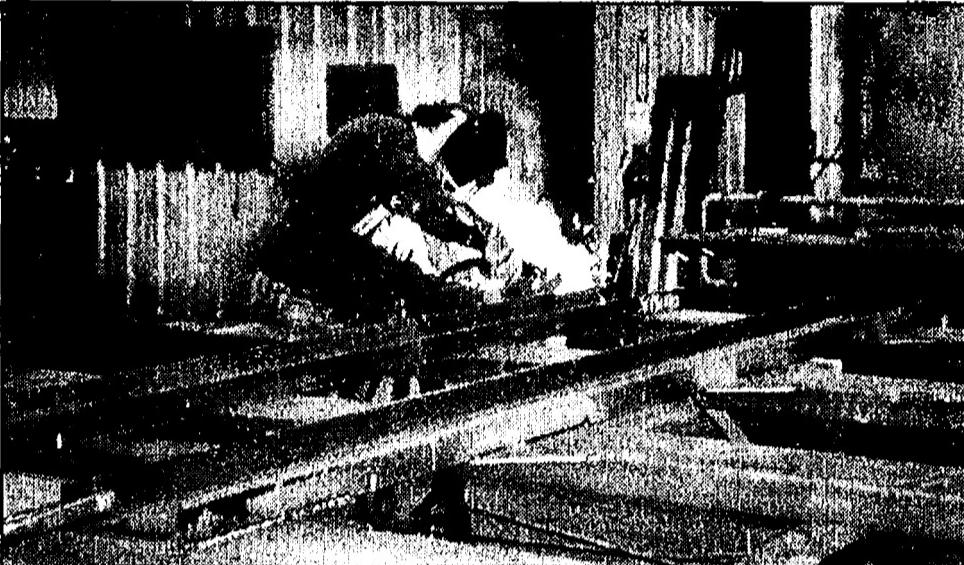
Currently, IMM has eight employees all of them former CSI employees.

The general manager for the plant is Mike Campbell, a 16-year veteran of CSI.

IMM started out with only four employees on the manufacturing floor, but has recently added two more employees to its roster. Vlk said they are on schedule right now and hope within the next few years to more than double the current work force.



Rodney Lobsinger (above), adjusts the drill. Frank Carlson (below) welds parts of the project together, and Rick Birtles (left), attaches two pieces of metal on foundry equipment headed for Nebraska.



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12 - Baked Ham/Beef Stew; Blood pressures and sugars taken 11 a.m. to 12 noon; Uno Attack at 5:30 p.m.

13 - Chicken Stir Fry/no dinner; Frederic Satellite at 12:30 p.m.; Pantry Bingo and 80 cent Rummy at 1 p.m.

16 - Meatballs/Pepper Steak; Stag Cards at 12 noon; Bridge Club at 1 p.m.; COA Committee of the Whole at 1:30 p.m.; COA Board meeting at 5:30 p.m.

17 - Annual Christmas Dinners at 12 noon and again at 5 p.m., and a dance in between.

18 - Chicken Pot Pie/Beef Tips and Noodles; Hearing Clinic by appointment; Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.; Stag Cards at 12 noon; Craft Class with painting; Medicine Shoppe Bingo at 5:30 p.m.

Reminder: The Center will be closed on December 24th and 25th for the Christmas holidays.

Above all this week, remember: "Yesterday is a cancelled check; tomorrow is a promissory note; today is the only cash you have, so spend it wisely."

## RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during December 11 - December 17 is as follows:

The Range 40 Air to Ground Complex, located North of County Rd. 612, East of Guthrie Lake, South of Old State Rd. 618, and West of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during the following dates: December 11 - 13; December 16 - 17.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Occasionally, the Post Commander without additional notice to the public may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. The firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371.

Small Arms Ranges located West of Lake Margrethe, North of Howe Road, East of the gas pipeline and South of Portage Creek: December 14 - 15.

Range 17, located South of the main post, North of Carrier Road, East of Range 13 and West of Beaver Creek (Military Road).

For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

## OBITUARIES

### Robert L. McCall

Oct. 11, 1918 - Dec. 3, 2002

Robert L. McCall, age 84, of Grayling, died Tuesday, December 3 at Mercy Hospital, Grayling. He was born on October 11, 1918 in Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. Johnson married the former Louise C. Offenburg on August 4, 1942 at St. John Lutheran Church.

Mr. McCall, a resident of Grayling since 1973, was retired from the City of Toledo-Municipal Garage, where he worked as a mechanic/foreman. He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Grayling.

Mr. McCall was a "56 year" member of the American Legion. He served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II under General George S. Patton Jr., receiving 5 bronze stars representing Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe. When he returned from World War II, he went to work for the City of Toledo service station, then the municipal garage.

He was preceded in death by his wife Louise, his parents Max Mangans McCall and Ione Genevieve (Woodruff), and his sister Marian Baron.

He is survived by one daughter, Kathy (Richard) Hughes of Grayling; one son, Norman M. McCall of Perrysburg, OH; four grandchildren, Brad Pausch, Danny (Lynn) Pausch, Amy McCall and Sara McCall; three step-grandchildren, Charles Hughes, Ann Hughes and Joseph Hughes; one great-granddaughter, Zoe Pausch; and one sister, Betty (Ed) Hammitt.

Funeral services were held on December 7 at Sorenson Funeral Home, Ms. Elizabeth Chace, Missioner-in-charge, officiated. Burial was at Elmwood Cemetery.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

### Robert Earl Nelson

Oct. 22, 1924 - Dec. 2, 2002

Robert Earl Nelson, age 78, of Grayling, died Monday, December 2 at his home. He was born on October 22, 1924 in Grayling.

Mr. Nelson married the former Victoria Garcia on December 26, 1947 in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. Nelson was an educator. He was a devoted husband and a loving father, with a compassionate heart to all life that surrounded him.

He was preceded in death by his parents Earl William Nelson and Anna Alice (Duerstein).

He is survived by his wife Victoria; three daughters, Sally (Kenny) Marsh of Oxford, Deborah (Ayleet) Wease of Royal Oak, and Gayle (Scott) Davis, Colorado Springs, CO; one son, William Earl Nelson of Indianapolis, IN; eight grandchildren, Jeffrey Marsh, Nicholas A. Wease, Samuel E. (Kari) Wease, Max J. Wease, Justin Davis, Jacob Davis, Lee Ann Nelson and E. William Mitchell Nelson; one great-grandchild, Sydney Maree Wease; two brothers, Richard K. (Barbara) Nelson of Grayling and Roger (Sharon) Nelson of Mason.

Funeral services were held on December 6 at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, Reverend Jeffery Jagers officiated. Burial was at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery, Troy.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

### Frances J. Fick

June 4, 1914 - Dec. 10, 2002

Frances J. Fick, age 88, of Grayling, died Tuesday, December 10 at the Masonic Pathways Home, Alma. She was born on June 4, 1914 in Berville, the daughter of Floyd H. and Mae (Edgett) Begole.

Mrs. Fick was a past member of the Swartz Creek United Methodist Church and a current member of the Grayling United Methodist Church.

She was married to John W. Fick, who preceded her in death on June 14, 1999. Also preceding her in death were two brothers, Ernest and Richard Begole.

She is survived by one daughter, Shirley Hinterman of Bancroft; two sons, Charles (Marilyn) Fick of Grayling, John Richard (Judy) Fick of Swartz Creek; 14 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and brother, Robert L. Begole of Arlington, TX.

Friends may share their online condolences with the family at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, December 17 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Miller Road Chapel, 8138 Miller Road, Swartz Creek. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, December 16 at the funeral home.

Interment will be held at Bristol Cemetery.

Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes, Miller Road Chapel, Swartz Creek.



Jack Mason

November 23, 2002

Grayling native, Jack Mason, passed away at the age of 53 after suffering an epileptic seizure and falling from a ski lift in Winter Park, Colorado. He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Elizabeth, and his daughter, Emily Cross.

More than 500 people attended a memorial service on November 26, held in his honor at the ski lodge where he worked for 31 years, most recently serving as mountain manager. More than 50 people in attendance made a last run down his favorite trail and the one he named. They planted his snowboard and crossed skis on the trail and draped his ski patrol jacket on the skis. His ashes are to be scattered on the mountaintop next spring.

He was the son of Jack and Cathy Mason, and grandson of George W. Mason, co-founder of the Trout Unlimited in Grayling. The elder Jack Mason was known for his long-running column, "Jack Pine's Stump" in the Crawford County Avalanche.

### Card of Thanks

The family of Gladys Tufts would like to thank everyone for their prayers, visits, cards, and words of encouragement and comfort during her illness and death.

We would like to thank the staff of Mercy Manor for the care she received during the last few weeks of her life, to the Eastern Stars for their service, and the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Ladies Auxiliary for the wonderful luncheon following the funeral service.

A special thank you to Reverend Jeff Jagers for his many visits, prayers and support.

Your thoughtfulness and sympathy were greatly appreciated.

The Gladys Tufts Family

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## Bill passed to reduce bothersome calls

► Gov. Engler expected to sign bill to establish new "do not call" list

American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) volunteer leaders rejoiced December 5 after the Michigan State Senate gave the

final okay to legislation creating a telemarketing do-not-call registry, sending it on to Governor John Engler, who is expected to sign it into law.

The Senate vote was 34-2, following Wednesday's 97-0 House vote approving a compromise crafted in a conference committee.

"AARP volunteers from around the state should take a lot of credit

for this great consumer victory," said Mary Aikey, the organization's coordinator of state affairs volunteers. She and dozens of others have been visiting and writing legislators, sending letters to the editor of local newspapers, and generally taking every opportunity to make public comments in support of the bills since they were first introduced in 1999.

The compromise legislation broke a year-long deadlock over the proposal. Vastly different versions of the bill passed the House and Senate last year. It was sent to a conference committee in mid-December of 2001 where it had been the subject of critical negotiations ever since.

Rep. Jennifer Faunce and Rep. Joe Rivet sponsored the two-bill package, with 60 co-sponsors in the House and Senate.

"We've lobbied legislators for four years to make this happen," said Aikey. "We've written letters to the editors of every newspaper in the state, talked to reporters, and issued surveys showing that 88 percent of voters want this to happen. Well, it finally did."

Under the bills, a state do-not-call-list would be established, as well as a required code of ethics that telemarketers would have to follow. The Michigan Public Service Commission would either administer the list itself or use a vendor.

## There's still time to get your flu shot

If you have not yet received your flu shot, please know that it is not too late to get one this season.

The Crawford County office of District Health Department #10 still has supplies of both the flu vaccine and the pneumococcal vaccine. Anyone interested in getting one or both of these vaccines should call the Health Department for an appointment.

Influenza (also known as "flu") season does not peak until January or later, which gives those who get

vaccinated now enough time to be properly protected.

"The best defense against getting influenza is to get vaccinated now," states Sue Lucksted, Public Health Nurse at District Health Department #10.

For some people, getting immunized against flu could be a life-saving decision. Influenza is a serious disease resulting in an average of 110,000 hospitalizations and 20,000 deaths annually. It also leads to millions of doctor visits and results in

many missed days at work.

Flu shots cost \$12 at the Health Department this year, and pneumococcal shots cost \$20. For those covered by full Medicare or Medicaid, the cost is covered; please bring your Medicare or Medicaid card with you to your appointment.

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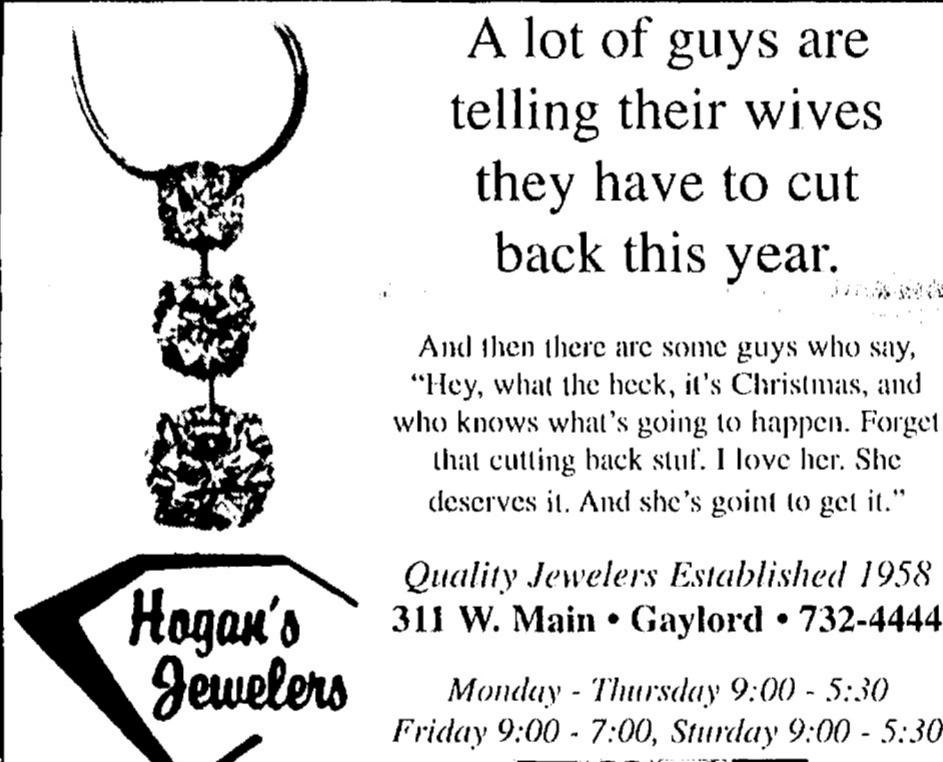
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Bryan Klemish, District Manager of Ferrellgas in Grayling, said his company and his employees take propane safety seriously.

"Ferrellgas is committed to helping homeowners enjoy the comfort and convenience of propane," Klemish said, "Taking just a few minutes to review important safety information will help lead to a more comfortable and safe winter for all propane users."

To help homeowners remain safe throughout the winter, Ferrellgas is providing this list of important tips to remind propane users how to

store propane cylinders and use propane appliances safely and efficiently. These tips were compiled by the Propane Education & Research Council and the National Propane Gas Association.

#### Propane appliances

- All furnaces can collect lint and dirt and should be cleaned regularly. Contact a reputable heating contractor to perform the cleaning, along with an equipment check up.

- Drain your water heater periodically to get rid of sediment build-up on the bottom of the tank.

- When using a space heater, it is essential that the space above and around the unit be free from any combustible materials, such as draperies or plastics. Check the manufacturer's instructions for clearance distances.

- Water can damage the internal safety mechanisms in the gas controls of an appliance. If you suspect that your appliance controls may have gotten wet, contact a trained technician immediately.

- Never attempt to light your own

pilot lights. Call a trained technician to perform this task.

- Read and understand all educational and warning materials given to you by your propane supplier and appliance manufacturers. Make sure you share this information with your family.

#### Propane cylinders

- Never store or use a propane cylinder in your home or any other enclosed space, such as a garage.

- Make sure to read all warning labels attached to the cylinder.

- Don't use, store, or transport

cylinders where they can be exposed to high temperatures because the pressure relief valve may open, allowing a large amount of flammable gas to escape.

- When transporting a cylinder when it is not in use, keep it secure in an upright position with the cylinder valve turned off.

Homeowners may obtain a copy of the Ferrellgas Propane Safety Plan at the Ferrellgas office located at 525 South I-75 Business Loop in Grayling or by calling (989) 348-6241.

## COA plans open house

The Commission on Aging (COA) is holding an open house to allow senior citizens, and their families, to find out what services are available from the COA in Crawford County.

There will be no formal program but seniors will have a chance to have their questions answered.

The open house will be held Friday, December 13, from 1 p.m. to

3 p.m. at the Senior Center located at 308 Lawndale, in Grayling. Refreshments will be served.

Senior citizens who need a ride to the open house should contact COA Director Nova Anderson, at 348-7123, no later than December 11. Rides will be provided by the Crawford County Transit Authority, better known as Dial-A-Ride.

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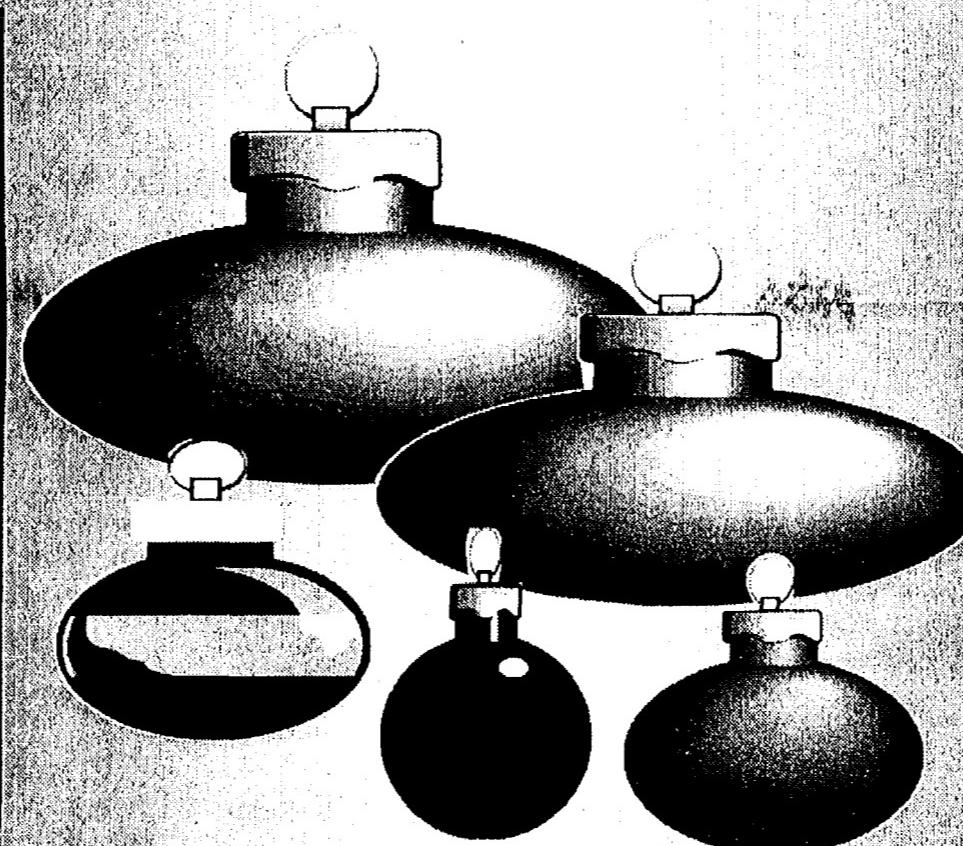
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## Officials agree: young rural residents need opportunities

by Breanna Shepherd  
Capital News Service

LANSING -- Crawford County's incoming state senator and local officials agree that a lack of opportunity for young people is the biggest problem in the area. That coincides with the opinions of state lawmakers across the nation, according to a recent report by the Battle Creek-based W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

The report about legislators' perceptions concerning rural America was released in mid-November and was third in a series of five publications.

The first surveyed the public's ideas about rural areas, the second featured U.S. members of Congress. The fourth report will be released the week of December 9 and will show smaller communities are still a

strong force in elections. The final report is still in preparatory stages and will show media perceptions about rural life.

Rep. Tony Stamas (R-Midland) will be changing legislative chambers this January, going from the House to the Senate. The senator-elect said he wants to help young people succeed by making sure children get the skills they need while still in school.

"We can attract businesses by getting better technology, but then we need to make sure we have qualified young people to fill the jobs we create," he said.

Superintendent Milli Haug said technology advances in Crawford AuSable Schools are some of the best in northern Michigan. "We have computer labs in each school, and we're working hard to have teachers

integrate technology into class instruction," said Haug.

Poverty, she said, is a problem all areas face when trying to prepare their young people for success, and rural areas are no different. "Kids who come from poverty enter kindergarten with 60 percent less skills because they don't have the same opportunities for learning that other kids might," she said.

She added the schools do a lot to help these kids, but recognizes more could be done. The school system has created a three-tier plan as part of the "No Child Left Behind" program, she said.

Under the plan, student achievement will be measured with more assessment tests, along with MEAP and ACT scores. Also, the school system aims to lower the dropout rate by 20 percent a year and get back many of the children currently being home schooled, Haug said.

"Some parents do a wonderful job home schooling, but I suspect many parents don't use the expensive curriculum guides needed to teach the kids all the skills they need, and those are the kids we want to get back," she added.

Grayling City Manager Allen Lowe said his son has the skills to succeed and would love to move from his Grand Rapids area residence back to northern Michigan, but he just can't find a job that would support his family.

"I see a lot of people go away to college and not come back because there's just no jobs for them," he said.

said. He said the lack of jobs is due in part to low access to technology in Grayling and that he's been pushing for a state or federally funded study of the area's technological needs. He's also been working with a local businessman to get broadband Internet service in the area.

Tim Zigila said access to technology is catching up but too slowly for many businesses that need high-speed Internet access. He said the trend in northern Michigan is a growing number of service-oriented jobs.

"The only problem with these places is that they don't employ more than 20 to 30 people on average," said Zigila, the president of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce. "We depend on tourism and forestry as our main industries because we haven't had a major manufacturer move here."

Lowe said many state programs for economic development are designed for larger communities and Grayling can't comply because of its small size. He said one problem he's encountered is that the town can't provide the same pay scale as a large city. This is one way that urban interests take precedent over rural, he said.

"I was in the Legislature for six years, and I saw firsthand that urban interests take first place because four counties make up the majority of the state's population," Lowe contended. In many instances, rural areas are considered no-man's land in government.

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Mr. and Mrs. Mead also have six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Joanne is the daughter of the late Rolla and Fern Failing of Grayling.

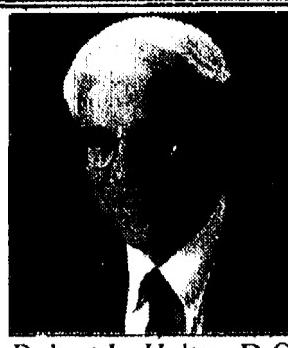
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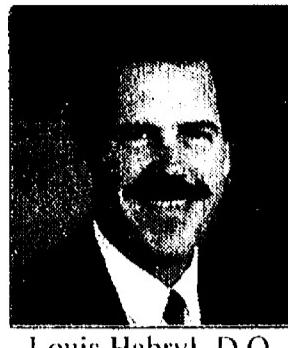
Six misdemeanor arrests, one civil complaint, two traffic accidents, one traffic control, four misdemeanor citations, one breaking and entering complaints, seven larceny complaints, one malicious destruction of property complaint, one domestic complaint, two juvenile complaints, one assist other department call, four alarm calls, five unclassified complaints, two attempt to locate complaints, 43 city ordinance complaints, four disorderly complaints, two suspicious situations complaints, two purchase permits, and eight traffic warnings issued.

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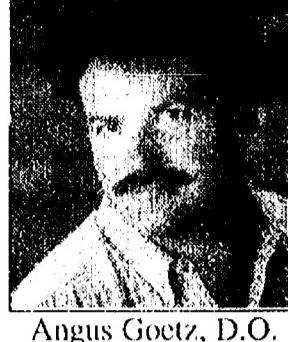
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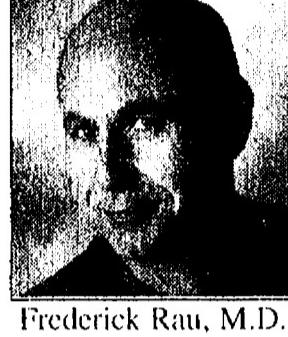
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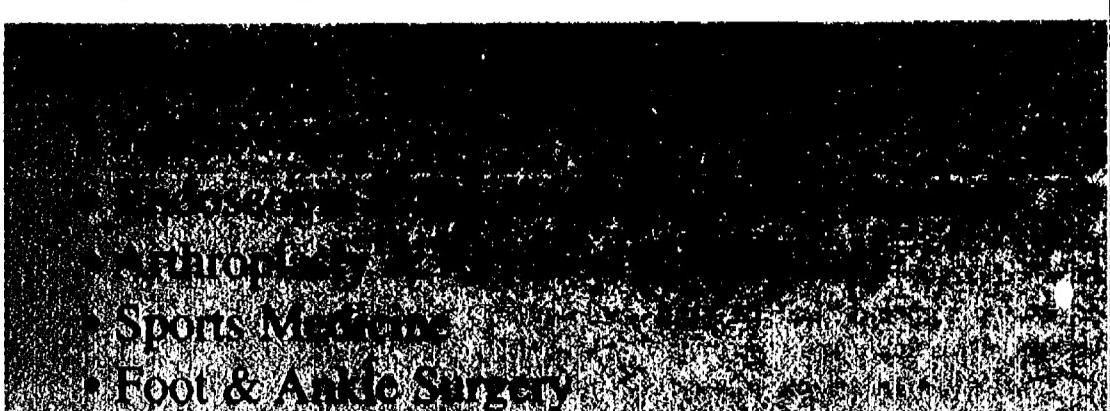
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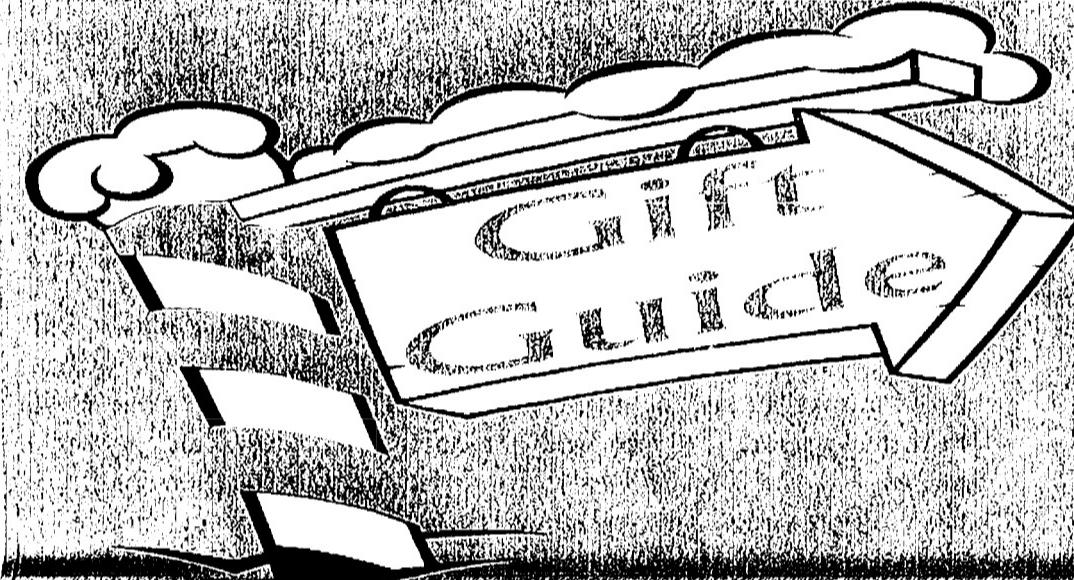
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## 'Zip, Zero, Zilch': state law targets underage drinking

Over the past few weeks, articles in the Avalanche have discussed a crackdown by local law enforcement in regards to underage drinking. Anyone under the legal drinking age of 21 needs to know the State of Michigan is tough on underage drinking.

Some young people and their parents are unaware of the penalties that can be handed down when caught drinking underage, especially while operating a motor vehicle. The following is information provided by the State of Michigan.

The "Zip, Zero, Zilch" no tolerance law, part of the Drive Michigan Safely Campaign, is intended to discourage underage drinking through stiff penalties and to decrease the amount of traffic deaths among teenagers.

A flyer, available at the local Secretary of State office, located in

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## Toy drive needs your help

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Gosnell said, for those who can't afford to give a large toy, inexpensive stocking stuffers are always needed -- and for any age.

Collection boxes are set up at stores and offices all around Crawford County. Toys collected here will be distributed here, Gosnell said. Official Toys for Tots boxes are located at: Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, Grayling Eagles Club, Huntington Bank, K-Mart, Chemical Bank, AAA office in the Grayling Mini Mall, Citizens Bank, Dr. Elk's office at Toupin Chiropractic Clinic, North End Grocery in Frederic, Coldwell Banker/Cornell Realty,

Glen's Market, Icehouse Quilt Shop, Dr. Denholm's Chiropractic Clinic, North Central Area Credit Union, Goodale's Bakery, Cornell Insurance, and The Bloomin' Grape.

Collection boxes are expected to remain in place until December 20.

Monetary donations are also accepted for the local Toys for Tots program and may be dropped off at the Christian Help Center on Huron Street in Grayling, or mailed to P.O. Box 1115, Grayling, MI 49738. Donations are tax-deductible. Make sure checks are made payable to Toys for Tots. Donations by cash or check help pay for items needed each year, but not donated by the public.

## Act of good faith ends with assault

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Starkey was arraigned Tuesday, December 10 in 83rd District Court before Judge John Hunter and remains lodged in the Crawford County Jail on \$1,000,000 bond.

Sheriff Wakefield said Starkey is known in the Maple Forest area to perform carpentry work. Starkey has given a confession, Wakefield said, although he was uncooperative

immediately following his capture. State Police are questioning the possibility that the suspect may have been involved in a similar crime which occurred recently near the Grayling city limits.

A preliminary examination is scheduled for December 23 at 1:30 p.m. Starkey faces two life sentences if convicted of the armed robbery and CSC charges.

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## Team to face first opponent this week

► Varsity boys basketball squad to feature a 'young' group this season

The Grayling High School varsity boys basketball team opens its 2002-2003 season schedule with games against Oscoda and Standish Sterling Central — both of which are league opponents — this week.

The Vikings have a young team this year — two sophomores, eight juniors, and only three seniors — and they will be competing in the always-tough North East Michigan Conference.

"We will be a team that will improve immensely as the season progresses," said Coach Rich Moffit. "We have a young team that is capable of playing well at both ends of the court. I have been impressed with our improvement on defense. We will have to play well defensively in order to compete in this league."

"We have a number of questions that will be answered in the coming months. I am concerned that our kids are young," Coach Moffit said. "In general, young kids struggle with mental toughness; however, we have made huge strides in this category, but we still have a ways to go. Hopefully, we will mature as the season goes on and gain valuable experience in tight situations. Leadership is another key for us this year. We will need leadership on and off the court if we are going to be successful."

"We are an unknown quantity.



Photo by Caleb Casey

**Adam Kaiser runs the floor during a recent varsity boys basketball team practice.**

We have a group of players, for the most part, that have not proven themselves in varsity competition. Our ability to defend and be mentally tough will determine where we will fall in the league race. This group is going to have to prove themselves on the hardwood," Moffit said. "I believe that we have quality kids who are going to bring a blue collar work ethic to the court. I am excited to see how much this group can improve."

The players might be relatively young, but the GHS boys basketball program has all of its coaches back from last year — including Doug Pummell and Mark Hartman at the seventh-grade level. These guys teach the basic fundamentals of the game."

"I am excited about the veteran group of coaches we have working in our system. Butch Hayes (JV) and Joe Mau (freshman team) do a great job of getting the kids ready for the varsity level both physically and mentally," Moffit said. "Jim

Burkh, John Schneider, and Gary Summers do a great job at the eighth grade level, along with Doug Pummell and Mark Hartman at the seventh-grade level. These guys teach the basic fundamentals of the game."

"We have many people who spend countless hours at the elementary level. Coaches Wilson, Tobin, Swope, Dean, Randall, and a great number of people do a super job teaching fundamentals," Moffit added.

### A Look At The League

A 'BALANCED' LEAGUE — "The NEMC should be very balanced and competitive this year," said Rich Moffit, GHS varsity boys basketball coach. "This is as good as I can remember this league since we have been in the NEMC. There are a large number of all-league players who are returning this year."

A GLIMPSE AT THE COMPETITION — The following is a quick capsule on each North East Michigan Conference team from Coach Moffit:

- Bay City John Glenn — Returns a veteran team that won a District championship last year. They should be in the mix of things at the top of the league. They play solid defense.

- Tawas — Returns the dynamic duo of Moore and Moffit. These two are as good as any Class B duo in the north. Both are first team NEMC performers.

- Ogemaw Heights — Ogemaw returns sharpshooter and all-league player Noah Shepardson along with a solid junior class.

- Oscoda — Returns perhaps the best player in the conference in Seth Alda. Alda is a good point guard who is surrounded by a solid group of players.

- Standish Sterling — Returns the best pivot player in the conference in Shane Moll. Moll is surrounded by a veteran group of players.

- Pinconning — Returns a physically big team that is capable of playing with the best teams in the conference.

WHO WILL WIN IT? — "I think that Tawas, Bay City John Glenn, Oscoda, Standish, and Ogemaw are all capable of claiming the league crown," Coach Moffit said. "These teams are veteran teams that are capable of playing well at both ends of the court."

NOTE: FOR A LOOK AT GRAYLING'S VARSITY BASKETBALL LINE-UP, SEE PAGE 3B.

### Frederic Eagles Reunion night set for December 20

On Friday, December 20 Grayling High School will honor former basketball players and cheerleaders from Frederic High School at a varsity basketball game (Grayling vs. Kalkaska).

Players should arrive at the gym-

nium by 7 p.m. They will receive free entry into the game.

The Frederic Eagles Reunion Night will also include a reception in the GHS cafeteria after the game.

For more details, call Rich Moffit or Dianne Tobin at (989) 344-3506.

## Wrestling team opens with home meet

► Vikings wrestle Whittemore, Gaylord at GHS to start '02-03 season

The Grayling Vikings, Gaylord Blue Devils, and Whittemore Prescott Cardinals all faced off against each other in a varsity wrestling meet last Thursday at GHS. A strong Gaylord team defeated both Grayling and Whittemore by large margins, and Whittemore edged the Vikings by 19.

For Grayling, it was the first wrestling meet of the new season.

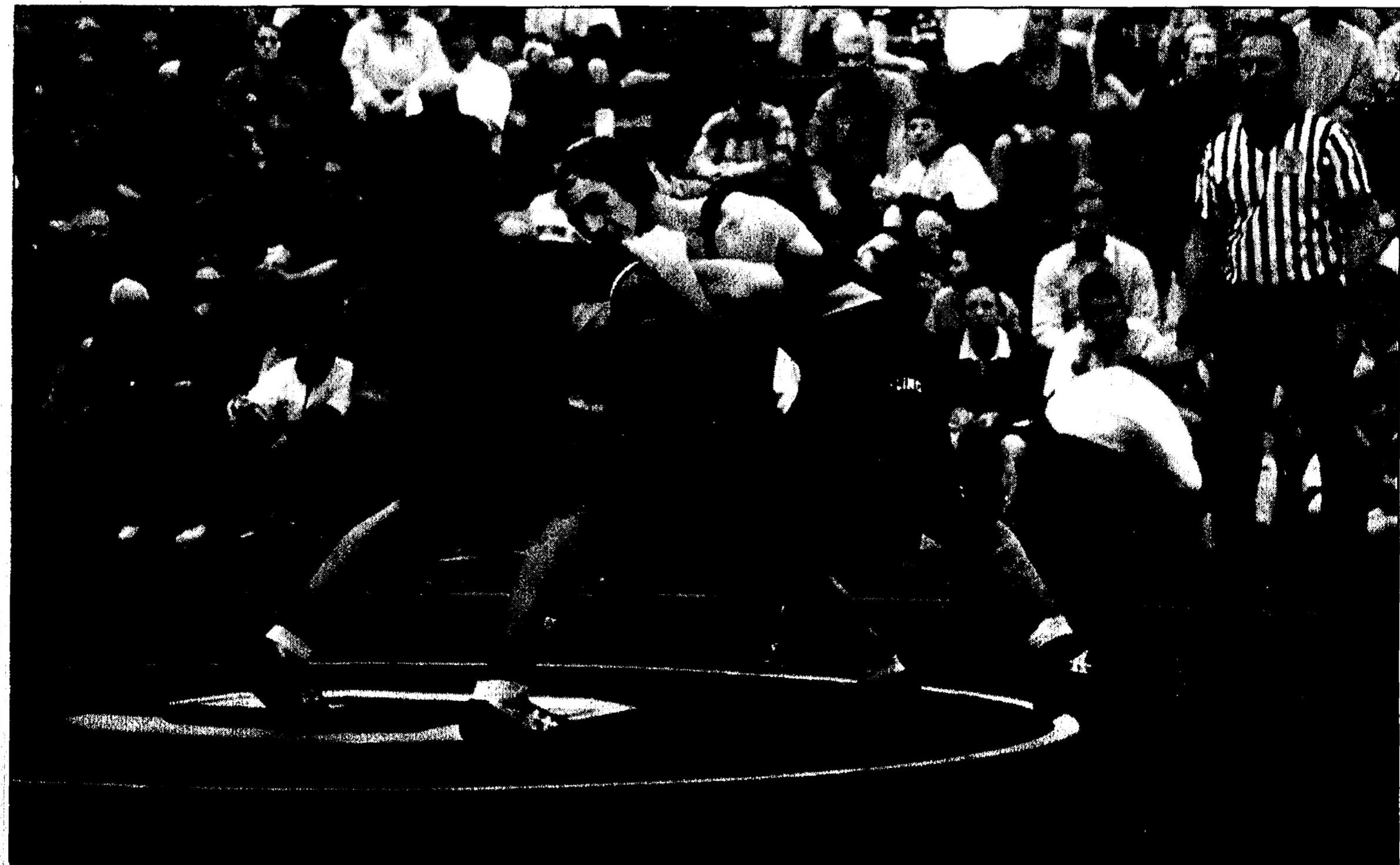
Gaylord and Whittemore wrestled first. The Blue Devils won the first nine matches (five pins, four decisions) to take a 47-0 lead. The Cardinals won two of the last five weight divisions, leading to a final score of Gaylord 62, Whittemore 10.

Against Whittemore, the Vikings posted a 5-7 record in contested matches. Grayling had to forfeit 112 and 119, giving the Cardinals a 12-0 lead to start.

Adam Malone (130) won by pin in the first round and Joel Wilson (145) won his match by pin in the second round to get GHS on the board. A first round pin by Dusty Partello (152) and a second round pin by Darryl Babbitt (160) pulled

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See "WRESTLING TEAM..."



Adam Malone (right) wrestles a Whittemore Prescott opponent at last Thursday's dual meet in Grayling. Malone, wrestling in the 130-pound weight class, won the match by pin in the first round.

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## Wrestling team opens with home meet

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Grayling within four, 28-24.

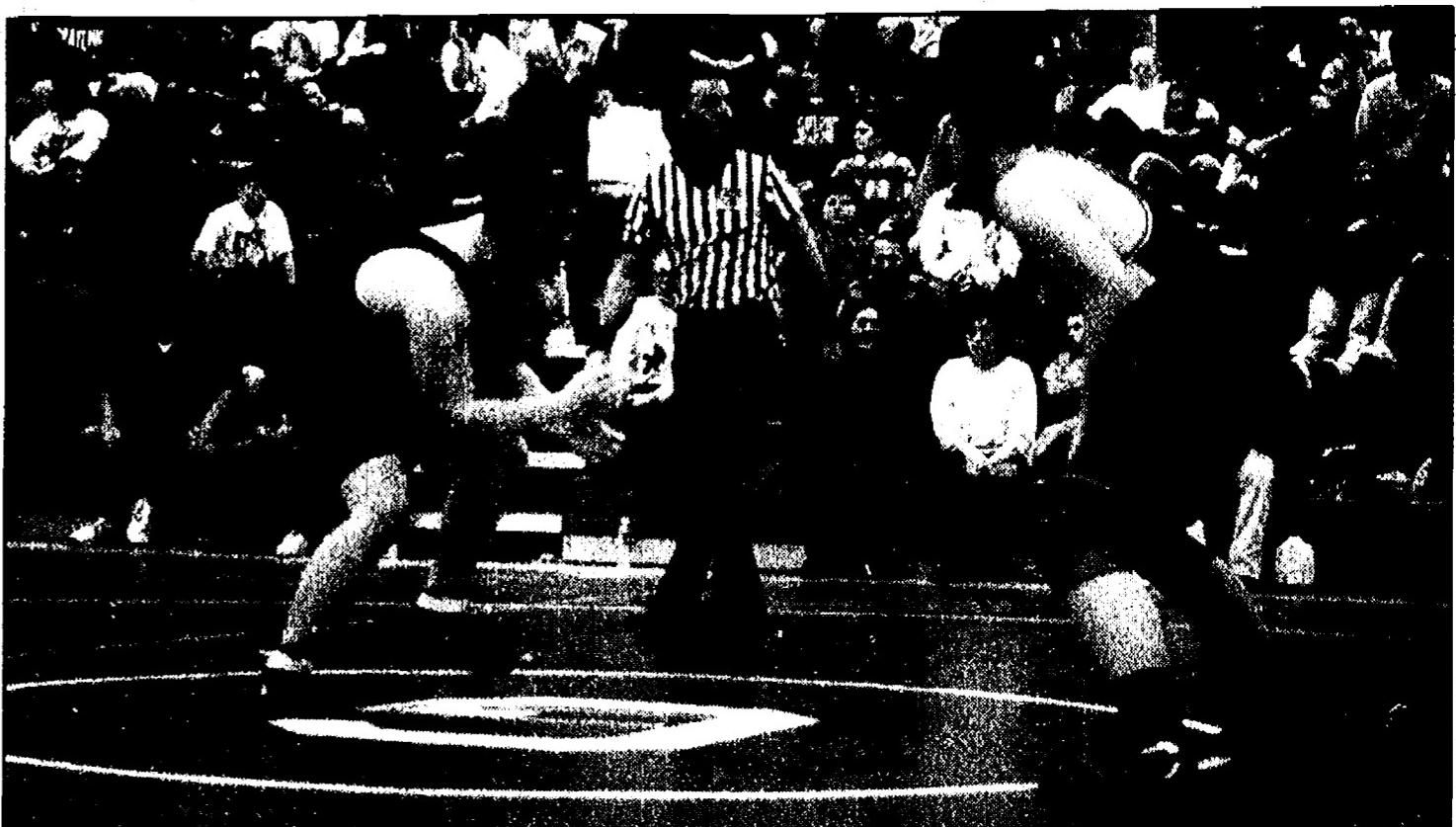
Brandon Pratt (171) lost a close match by decision 6-3. Whittemore won the 189-pound division by pin.

Aaron Rosecrans (215) won his bout by pin in the first round to pull the Vikings within striking distance, 37-30. Whittemore sealed the victory by winning the last two weight classes (275 and 103) by pin.

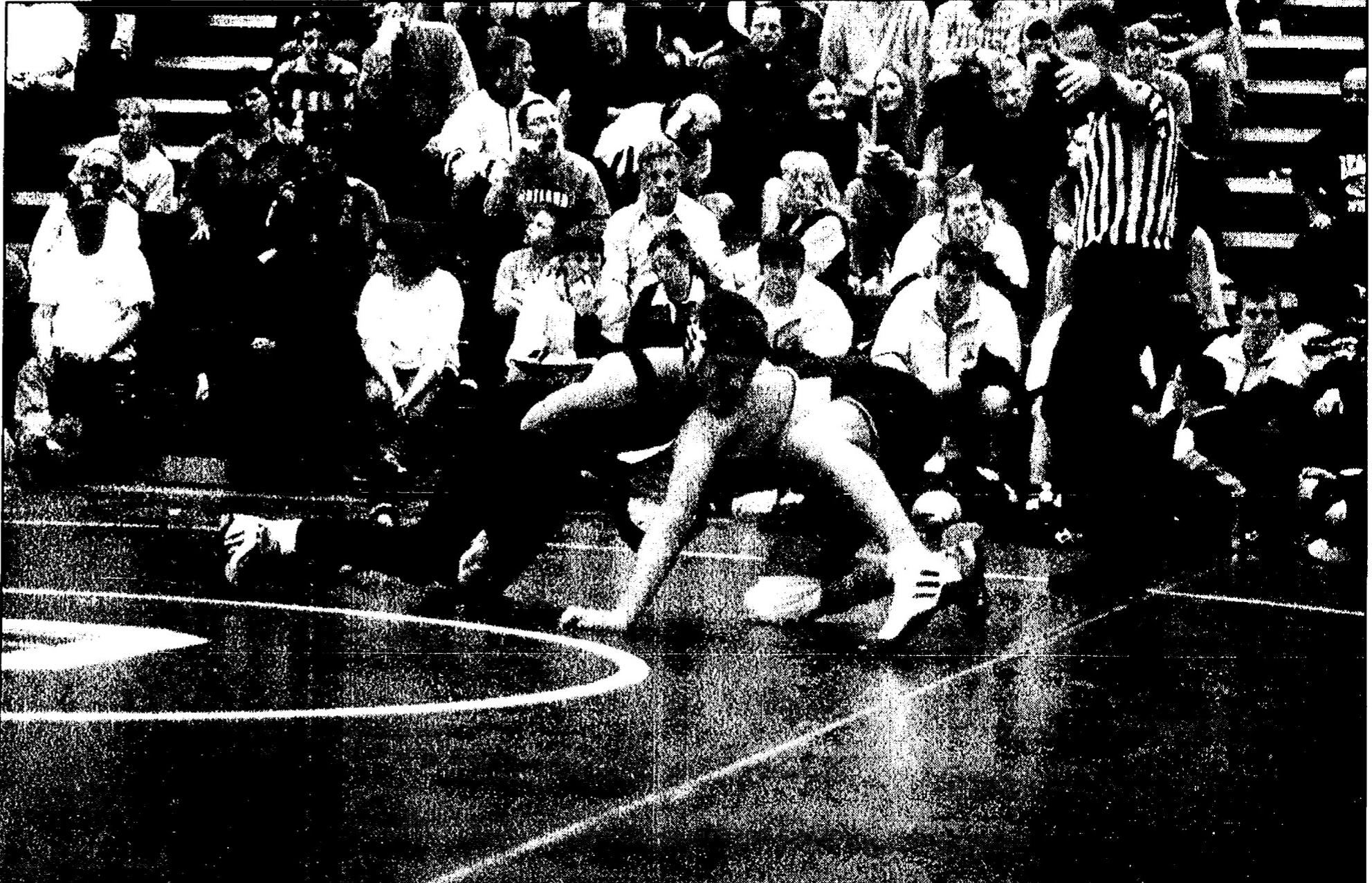
Against Gaylord, Partello (152) and Pratt (171) were the only Vikings to post victories. Partello won by decision, 10-0. Pratt won by pin in the first round. Malone (130) and Babbitt (160) both lost close contests by decision, 5-4 and 8-5, respectively.

Gaylord won 65-10.

The Vikings will host Bay City John Glenn and Petoskey on Thursday, December 12 at 6 p.m.



Aaron Rosecrans (left) wrestles against Whittemore on Thursday. Rosecrans (215) won the match with a first round pin.



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(Above), Brandon Pratt wrestles in the 171-pound division in the meet against Whittemore Prescott on Thursday, December 5. Pratt lost the match by decision, 6-3, but won his bout against Gaylord with a first round pin. (Right) Darryl Babbitt grapples with a Whittemore wrestler in the 160-pound weight class. Babbitt won the match with a pin in the second round.

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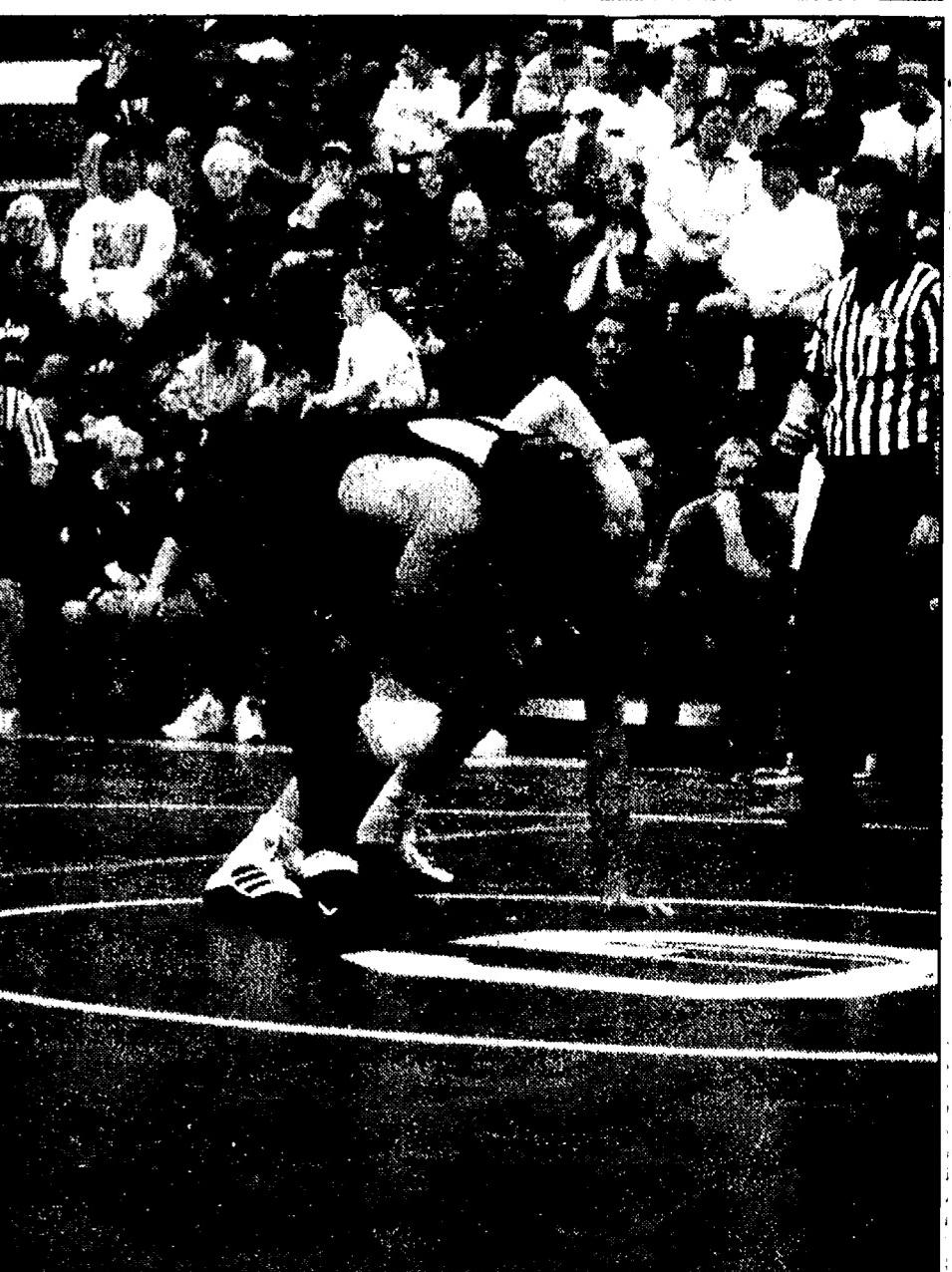
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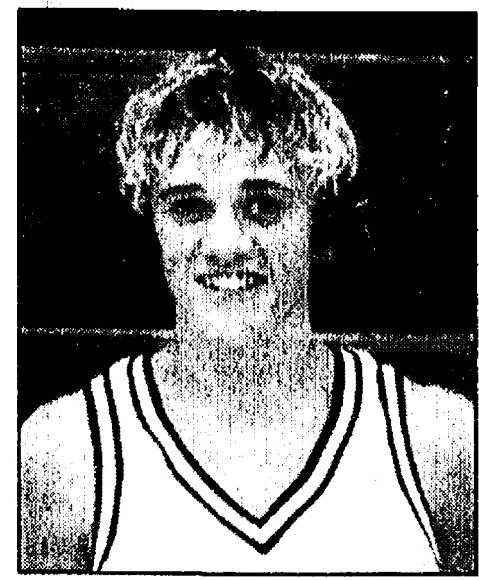
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## Meet the Team: Varsity Boys Basketball

(A continuation of the coverage on Page 1B)

The following is a list of this year's GHS varsity boys basketball players, with brief scouting report of each provided by Coach Rich Moffit:

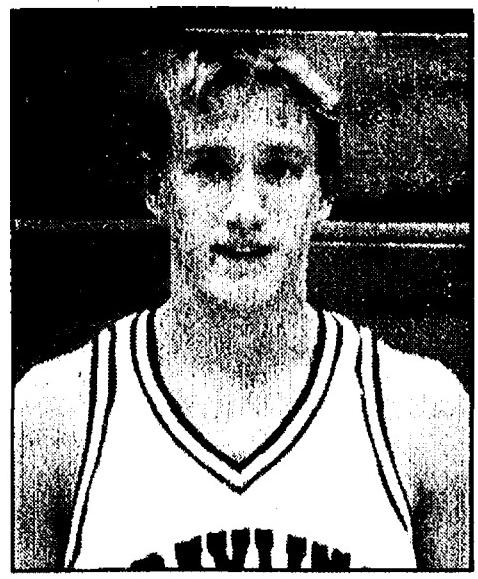
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Gibson Tobin

• Gibson Tobin - 5-7 sophomore guard - Played in 21 varsity games as a freshman last year, started 16; Led the team in assists with 102; A quick defender who will man the point guard position; Slashes well to the hole and is a capable shooter from the outside;

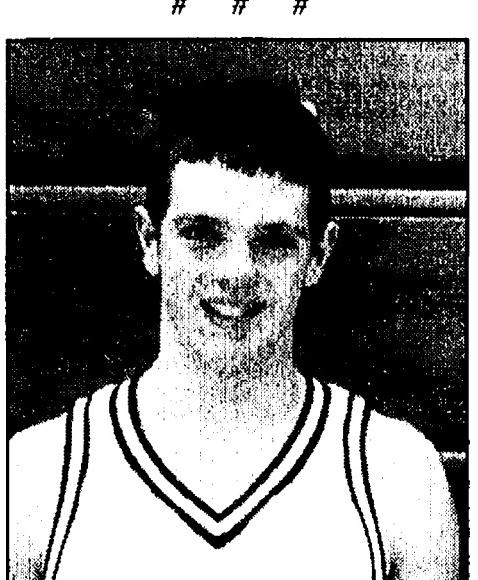
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Travis Helsel

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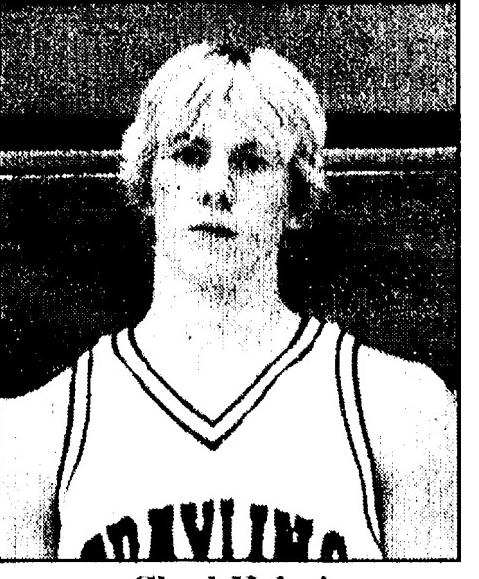
Andy Strohpaul

• Andy Strohpaul - 5-11 junior guard - Can play the point or the two guard positions; Decent outside shooter who is a good defender;

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• Phil Armstrong - 5-11 junior guard - Very good defender who is capable of hitting the outside shot;

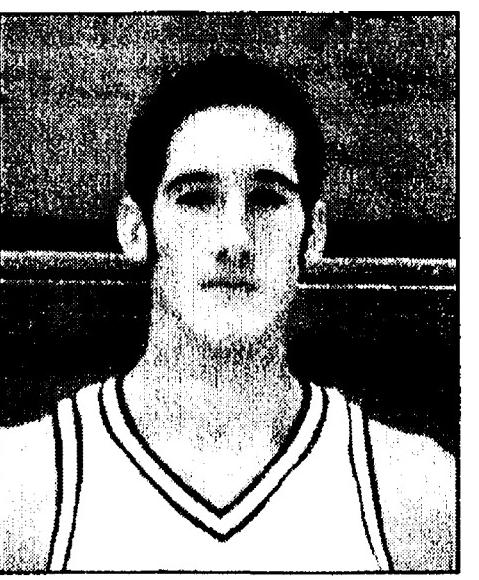
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Chad Helsel

• Chad Helsel - 5-11 junior guard/forward - Most improved player from the JV squad; Good defender who slashes well to the hole offensively;

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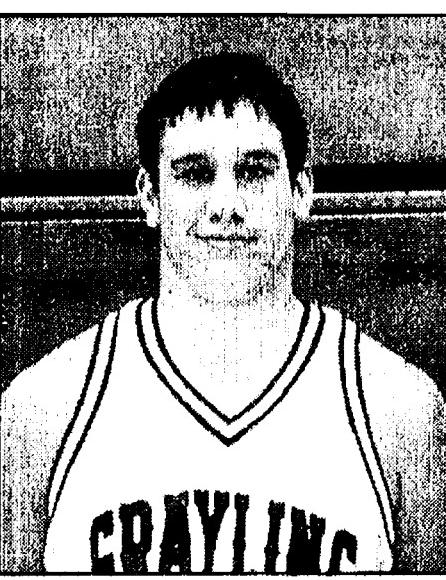


**Grayling High School  
Varsity Boys Basketball**  
Conference: NEMC  
Class: B  
Mascot: Vikings  
Coach: Rich Moffit  
Asst. Coach: Chris Kucharek



Roy Czapek

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Joe Zelek

• Joe Zelek - 6-2 junior forward - Solid outside shooter and a good rebounder;

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Greg Morrill

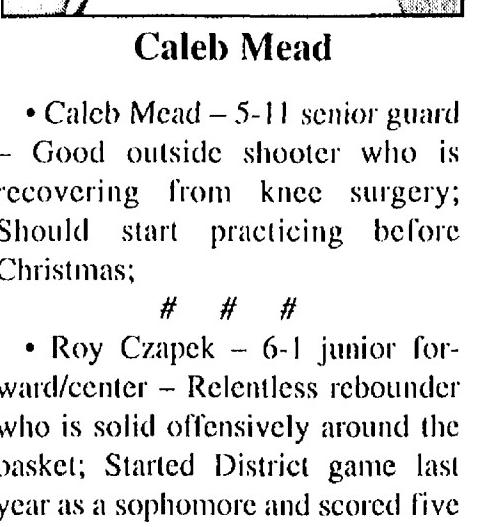
• Greg Morrill - 6-2 junior center - Good defender who can knock down the 20-footer.



Ryan Schmidt

• Ryan Schmidt - 5-8 sophomore guard - Very quick player who is a solid defender; Good passer;

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Adam Kaiser

• Adam Kaiser - 6-1 senior guard - The most improved player from last year; Solid defender who can score; Athletic kid who was a first team all-conference football player; Provides leadership on the floor;

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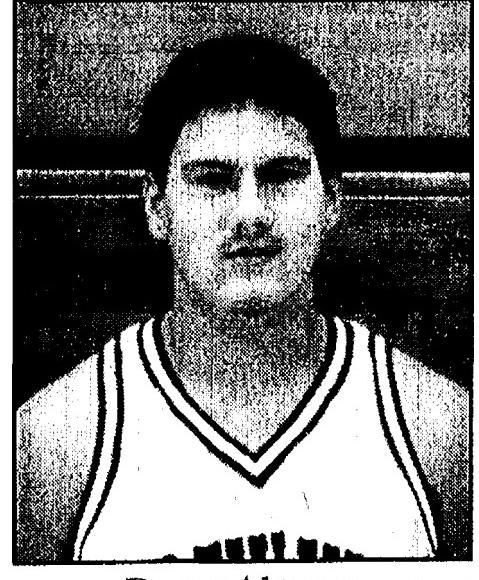
• Caleb Mead - 5-11 senior guard - Good outside shooter who is recovering from knee surgery; Should start practicing before Christmas;

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• Roy Czapek - 6-1 junior forward/center - Relentless rebounder who is solid offensively around the basket; Started District game last year as a sophomore and scored five points with six boards;



Phil Armstrong



Roger Alvarez

• Roger Alvarez - 6-1 senior center - Improved as the season went on last year; Physical player who runs the court well; Good free throw shooter; A key player;

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• Travis Helsel - 6-1 junior forward - Athletic player who hits the boards hard and can hit the outside



The family of Private Brock McClanahan, will be honoring him with an Open House on Saturday evening, December 21, 2002. He received his High School Diploma in August 2002 and will have completed 15 weeks of Basic Training and AIT instruction on December 12, 2002. He is currently stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Brock will be home for the holidays and will then be stationed at Fort Hood, Texas. He can receive mail at his parents home at 5251 E. Territorial Rd., Camden, MI 49232. If you would like to attend his celebration, call Nancy at 517-567-2377.

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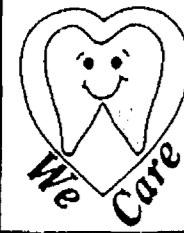
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## Three GHS soccer players earn all-league honors

► Hunter, Handy, Pratt receive North East Michigan Conference nods

Three Grayling High School boys soccer players — Eric Hunter, John Handy, and Brandon Pratt — earned all-league honors in the North East Michigan Conference for the 2002 fall season.

Hunter was named to the all-conference "second team" and Handy and Pratt each received an "honorable mention."

Hunter, a senior, was also named to the Michigan High School Athletic Association All-District Team.



Eric Hunter  
All-Conference  
"Second Team"



John Handy  
All-Conference  
"Honorable Mention"



Brandon Pratt  
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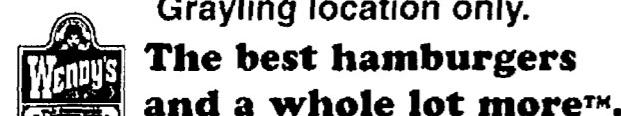
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 High Series: P. D'Amour, 561; B. Wheeler, 503; S. Johnson, 488; S. Noeske, 474.  
 High Game: P. D'Amour, 193; B. Wheeler, 191; S. Noeske, 189; S. Johnson, 180.

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 High Series: S. France, 509; T. Parker, 496; C. Jones, 481; C. Clark, 481; K. Moshier, 480.

High Game: S. France, 285; M. Schreiner, 205; L. Rutter, 183; H. Spencer, 181; M. Kroell, 179.

### National First

Northern White Tail Ranch 57 - 34  
 Faustman's Insurance ..... 52 - 39  
 AuSable Construction ..... 49 - 42  
 Hart Pontiac-GMC ..... 49 - 42

### Legion Lanes

45 - 46  
 Denholm Chiropractic ..... 41 - 50  
 Corky's Karaoke ..... 39 - 52  
 Scott Pittman Builders ..... 32 - 59  
 High Series: T. Kotrash, 725; J. Helsel, 631; J. Thayer, 608.

High Game: T. Kotrash, 264; T. Devins, 244; J. Thayer, 232.

### American Men's League

Moore's Automotive ..... 26 - 16  
 McLean's ACE ..... 25 - 17  
 GADCO ..... 24 - 18  
 Helsel Forest Products ..... 24 - 18  
 Warren Forest Products ..... 23 - 19  
 Fenton's Auto Service ..... 19 - 23  
 Scheer Motors ..... 16 - 26  
 Forrest Brothers ..... 11 - 31  
 High Series: L. Davis, 649; D. Canfield, 638; M. Barr, 633.

High Game: D. Canfield, 246; L. Davis, 245; R. Adkison, 226.

### Sunday Nite Mixed Doubles

Northern Pure Ice ..... 72 - 26  
 Hart Pontiac-GMC ..... 56 - 42  
 Little Tyke Daycare ..... 54 - 44  
 Shady Acres ..... 54 - 44  
 Sparks ..... 42 - 56  
 Calkins Excavating ..... 39 - 59  
 D.X.R. Computers ..... 39 - 59  
 Wakeley's Auto Parts ..... 36 - 62  
 High Series Men: J. Helsel, 635; B. Nielson, 545; J. Meharg, 512.  
 High Game Men: J. Helsel, 216; B. Nielson, 189; R. Walker, 181; D. 468.

Yanniello, 181.  
 High Series Women: T. Day, 508; S. Romain, 461; G. Helsel, 452.  
 High Game Women: T. Day, 201; S. France, 181; T. Baker, 170.

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Corky's Karaoke ..... 29 - 23  
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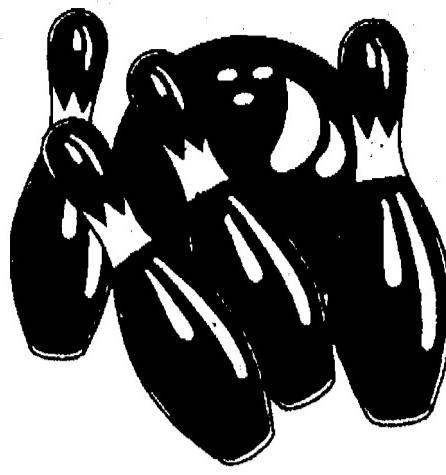
Grayling Chiropractic ..... 25.5 - 26.5  
 Calkins Excavating ..... 24.5 - 27.5  
 Hometown Furniture ..... 20 - 32

High Series: S. France, 533; S. Romain, 529; M. Miller, 469.

High Game: S. France, 198; S. Romain, 183; J. Myers, 182.

### Friday Mixed Doubles

Charlie's Country Corner ..... 36 - 20  
 Northern Cafe ..... 32.5 - 23.5  
 American Legion Lanes ..... 30 - 26  
 Ken's Tire & Auto ..... 28 - 28  
 Pichl's Sawmill ..... 27 - 29  
 Fick & Sons ..... 25.5 - 30.5  
 Double Trouble ..... 25 - 31  
 Moshier Auto Repair ..... 17 - 39  
 High Series Men: D. Canfield, 614; A. Smith, 536; K. Harris, 516.  
 High Game Men: D. Canfield, 213; B. Trudeau, 204; C. Hanson, 200.  
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### Senior League

Grayling Pharmacy ..... 37 - 19  
 Sylvester's Sports ..... 31 - 25  
 Flowers By Josie ..... 28.5 - 27.5  
 Buccilli's Pizza ..... 27 - 29  
 Hall's Snow Removal ..... 27 - 29  
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 Gray Rock ..... 24 - 32  
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 High Series Men: D. Germain, 556; A. Smith, 536; K. Harris, 516.  
 High Game Men: D. Germain, 211; K. Harris, 192; A. Smith, 190.  
 High Series Women: P. Harris, 470; D. Hollis, 464; N. Glasslee, 460.  
 High Game Women: N. Glasslee, 183; M. Ryss, 171; P. Harris, 169.

## KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

### Mens Team

LANSING -- Three days after Kirtland's mens basketball team played what its coach said was its finest game since the program started three years ago, it suffered one of its worst defeats.

"We just played very, very poorly in every aspect of the game," said coach Glen Donahue after his Firebirds were grounded, 100-74, in a battle of community college Division I schools on Nov. 26. "It was another real challenge for us, and we didn't handle it very well. And they really came to play."

The previous Saturday, Kirtland whipped Cincinnati State, another Division I program, 103-90.

Guard Terrance Coker led Kirtland with 17 points. Reuben Edwards had 11 and Jake Milarch had 10. Levi Rost had 27 for Lansing and Lyle Hampton contributed 22.

The loss dropped Kirtland to 3-3 while Lansing remained undefeated, 4-0.

ROSCOMMON -- Jake Hendrickson scored 23 points,

including three on a critical long-range shot in overtime, and hauled down 12 rebounds to power Cornerstone's junior varsity to a come-from-behind, 90-87 victory Thursday night over Kirtland.

The teams were tied, 38-38, at the intermission, and the Firebirds opened a 10-point lead midway through the second half when Cornerstone began chipping away.

Nate Pasma hit two free throws with 26 seconds remaining in regulation to tie it, 81-81, and Kirtland misfired on an 18-footer at the buzzer to send the game into overtime.

Reuben Edwards led Kirtland with 19 points and 12 rebounds. Jake Milarch had 18 points and Coker had 14 with 10 rebounds as the Firebirds fell to 3-4.

Kirtland's schedule resumes on Dec. 14 with a game against visiting Lambton University.

## MEN'S 30+ BASKETBALL LEAGUE

## POOL LEAGUE

### Women's Standings

Swamp II	111
Sawmill II	91
Plaza	85
Frederic Inn	83
Gray Rock	82
American Legion	80
Spikes	75
Sawmill I	65
5 Ball Runs: Annette (2) (Plaza), Patsey (Sawmill II), Lanette (2) (Swamp), Julie (Frederic Inn).	
6 Ball Runs: Lanette (Swamp).	
8 Ball on break: Johanna (Spikes).	

### Womens Team

ADRIAN -- Jillian Schultz had 18 points and 12 rebounds and Amy Jordan contributed 17 points and 12 rebounds to power Kirtland to a 62-50 victory Wednesday night over the junior varsity of Siena Heights.

Lori Hinkle scored 15 points and Jeni Kemp chipped in seven points with 10 rebounds to help the Lady Firebirds to their second straight victory and improve to 4-5.

Stephanie Chemic had 19 points and 17 rebounds for Siena, 3-3.

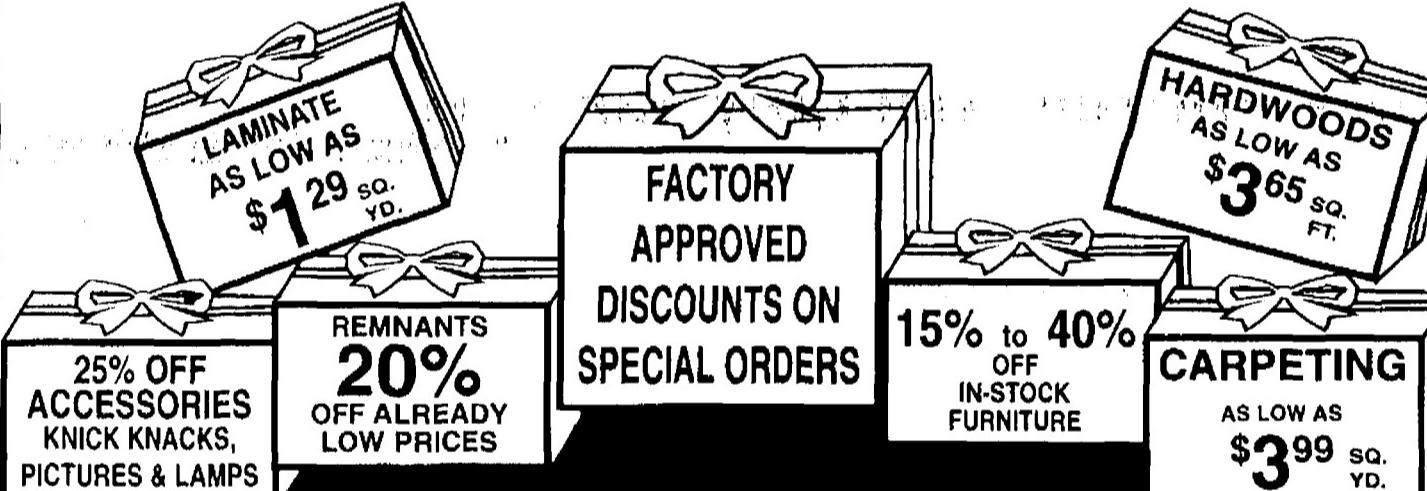


Trudgeon 3, Potter 2.  
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 Spike's 61: Ewald 26, Church 23, J. Gardiner 4, Thompson 4, Royce 4, Myers 4.

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**GHS BAND**

Eighteen GHS band students recently participated in District II Honors Band. They were (pictured with director Dr. Max Plank of EMU): Casey Mahaffy, Lisa Adkison, Monica Nemeth, Heather Stamper, Mallory Olson, Jason Henning, Kip Franklin, Kyle Seewald, Michael Salyers, Will Brewer, Laura Gorski, Becky Ramaswamy, Todd Gaffke, Gail Hilliker, Apryl Rugenstein, Ken Heinlein, Austin Andrus, and Kassie McClain. Andi Holzbauer also qualified for the group but was unable to attend due to illness.

On Saturday and Sunday, December 7 and 8, 18 Grayling High School band students participated in the MSBOA (Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association) District II Honors Band held in Petosky. Last month students auditioned in Charlevoix in order to qualify for this honors group.

Of the sixteen participating high schools, Grayling had the highest number of participants and held six "first chair" positions.

Also, on November 17, Central Michigan University Honors Band was held in Mt. Pleasant and the Grayling participants were Jason Henning, Kip Franklin, Todd Gaffke, Ken Heinlein, Andi Holzbauer, Apryl Rugenstein, and Casey Mahaffy.

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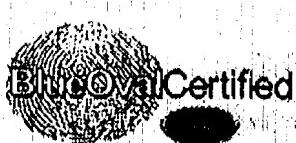


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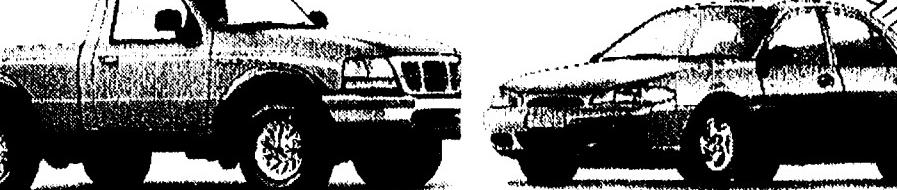
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# FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

### 23 Years Ago

**December 13, 1979**

The first nine fiscal years of the 1979-80 decade have seen a considerable growth in the physical assets of the City of Grayling.

The year 1971 saw the completion and beginning use of the sewage lagoon.

1972 was the year in which a major start was made on our street construction program.

In 1973, the construction of the Industrial Park was completed.

1974 was the year construction of a new \$55,000 five bay fire station was completed.

1975 was a planning year. A good deal of time was expended in gathering and assembling data for our E.D.A. application concerning the Water System Improvement.

The years 1976-1978 saw the proposed water system improvement project completed.

An extensive training program which began in October of last year ended this week when Crawford County Ambulance Attendants were awarded Emergency Medical Training Technician licenses by the State of Michigan. State law now requires that attendants possess a valid E.M.T. license to engage in road duty.

Among the E.M.T. graduates were Pat Kucharek, Jim Gray, Mahlon Riker and Mike Hauxwell.

County Commissioners reported

that the projected financial deficit for 1979 will amount to \$67,400.

Top Viking grididers were singled out for special achievement and received recognition at last week's football awards dinner. Receiving awards were John Junntila, Jerry Lucksted, Joe Mahaney, Todd Dunckley, Bill Lucksted, George Bindschadler, Terry Lucksted, Tim Jones, Vern Westervelt and Rusty Shepard.

The Grayling High Matmen opened this year's wrestling season with a 18-54 victory over Boyne City.

Earning points for the squad were: Steve Sauve, Tim Jensen, Dave Pettit, John Solomonson, Burt Partello, Tim Ferrigan, Duane Bloos, Jeff Ashton, Tim Jones, Barry Coty.

Hope College Junior Steve Olson of Grayling was awarded his varsity letter in golf. The award was made following conclusion of the fall sports session.

### 46 Years Ago

**December 13, 1956**

A ski tow will be in operation this weekend at the Grayling Winter Sports Park providing that the weather cooperates. On Saturday, December 22, the whole park will be ready for full and complete operation.

The City of Grayling announced the annual Christmas decorating contest. A total of 10 prizes will be

offered to both business places and homes, City Manager Russell Carlson has announced.

Weather permitting, the entire Grayling High School choral group will present a twenty minute program of Christmas carols in front of the Grayling State Savings Bank. There will be about 60 students taking part, under the direction of Mrs. Roy Milnes, director.

Twenty seven students from Crawford County are among the 3,530 enrolled for campus courses this fall at Central Michigan College. Among the students from the county are: James A. Madill, Hans A. Andrews, Joanne M. Andrews, Arvelle E. Armstrong, Marvin N. Bielski, James L. Bond, Frances L. Cady, Carolyn J. Deyett, Elmer L. Fenton, Laura T. Giegling, Leota C. Harrod, Elery R. Horning, John R. Jackson, Barbara N. Johnson, Roger L. Kesseler, Billy J. Kinkerter, James M. Klein, William R. Klein, Robert R. Lovely, Robert J. Luter, Derek E. McEvers, Richard G. Reava, Sally J. Smith, Katherine C. Smyth, Mary J. Wakeley.

The Frederic High Eagles currently leading the Antrim County D League easily rolled over a weak Rapid City team by a 67 to 19 score. The Eagles winning their fourth straight conference game seem to be on their way to a conference championship.

### 69 Years Ago

**December 14, 1933**

East Jordan's veteran team won a 16-13 decision over the Grayling

High School basketeers in an excellent exhibition of the court game last Friday night. In the preliminary, the Cohen-coached reserves won from Grayling's Cubs by a count of 30-14.

The Grayling A & P Store, having lost in a coffee contest to the Gaylord A & P Store, entertained the latter's force at a banquet at the Wayside Inn at Lake Margrethe.

Six hundred seventeen men and women have been registered in the village of Grayling and Grayling Township for the Head Tax. Two hundred seventy men and women in other townships have been registered.

### 92 Years Ago

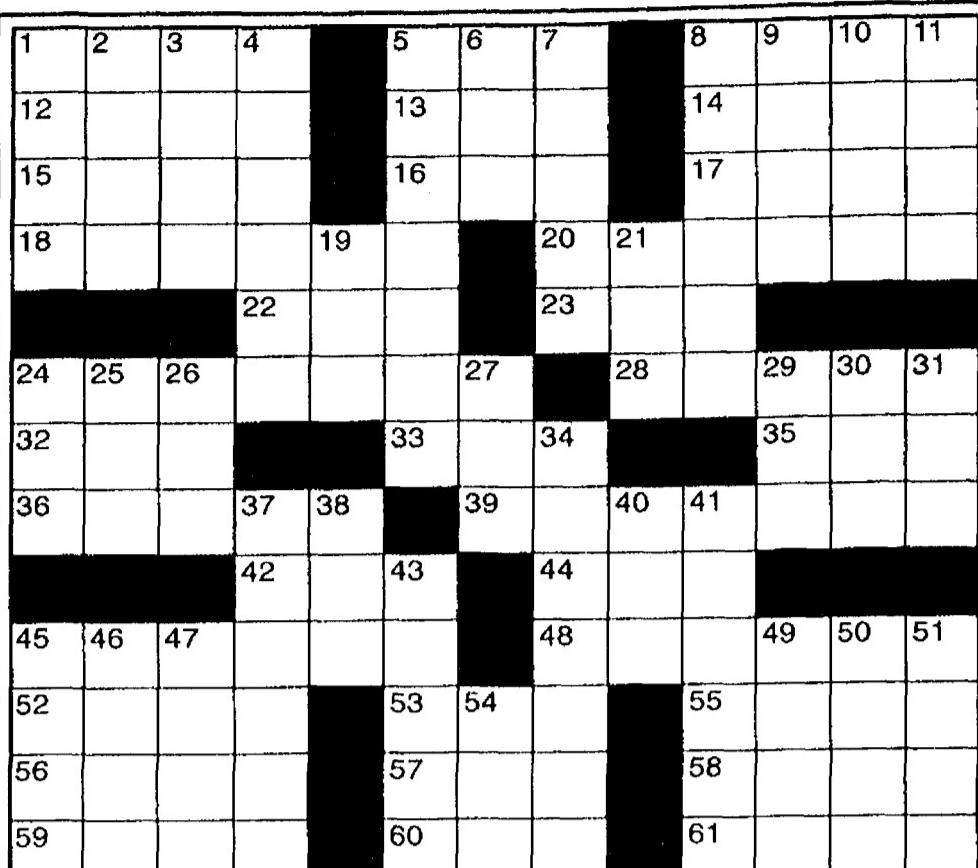
**December 15, 1910**

Dr. C.R. Keyport, of Detroit College of Medicine, and senior House surgeon of Harper Hospital of that city, is now a resident of our village, and associated with Dr. S.N. Insley.

Petition for citizenship filed to be heard at the next term of circuit court of Crawford County, January 9, 1911:

Gustave Engel, Grayling; Lauritz E. Rasmussen, Grayling; Hyacinthe Charron, Grayling; Miles Andreas Johnson, Maple Forest; Archie Paul Charron, Grayling; Walter Hanson, Grayling; Edward James Brennan, Frederic; Frederick Haselwood Ferguson, Deward; Charles Sidney Barber, Frederic; Peter Rasmussen, Grayling; Svend Holger Bernth, Grayling.

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- Enjoy the hammock
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- Swerve
- New Haven student
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- Lyricist Gershwin
- "60 Minutes" network
- Jesters' scepters
- Abating
- Luau garland
- Gridiron gp.
- Comes to life
- Innocent
- Handout
- Behave like a Bedouin
- Domini
- Moon feature
- Author Wiesel
- Flight or sun
- AFL quarterback Dawson

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### Last Week

Date	H	L	Snow
12/04	22	.9	1
12/05	24	11	1
12/06	23	18	.5
12/07	33	17	
12/08	32	18	.5
12/09	18	8	.25
12/10	28	8	

### Extended Forecast

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High	39	40	38	37	36	2835
Low	23	23	22	18	16	17
Wind	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Few Showers	Mostly Cloudy

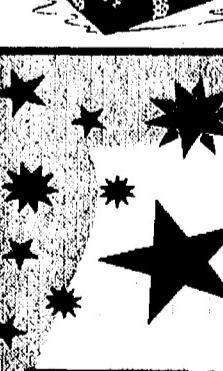
## RECIPE OF THE WEEK



### 4 Catfish fillets

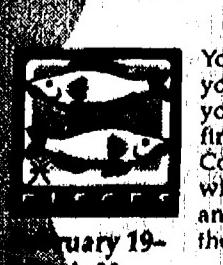
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon chopped garlic
- 1/4 teaspoon cracked black pepper
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley

Rinse fillets, pat dry, and place in shallow glass dish. Combine remaining ingredients and pour over fillets. Chill for 1 to 3 hours. Preheat grill. Grill fillets over high heat, rounded side down, for 3 to 4 minutes. Turn fillets and grill for 3 to 4 minutes or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork. Serves 4



**SAGITTARIUS**  
December 22-  
January 19

Preparing for a special project at work has caused you to forget a special engagement at home. Apologize and make up for your forgetfulness.



**AQUARIUS**  
January 20-  
February 18

You have stuck to your budget and your finances are finally back on track. Continue to be careful with your finances and you just may start the new year off right.



**Capricorn**  
December 21-  
April 19

A situation is brewing at work. It won't affect you, but it will involve several of your coworkers. Keep abreast of the situation and offer encouragement as needed.



**Taurus**  
April 20-  
May 20

Things aren't going so well between you and a close friend. Make amends before it's too late. A home improvement project needs attention.



**Cancer**  
June 22-  
July 22

You feel pulled in all directions, but soon everything will settle down and you'll be feeling like your old self again. Take some time off and treat yourself to a mini vacation.



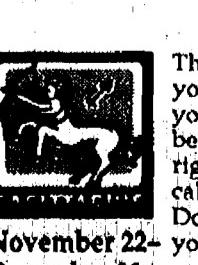
**Leo**  
July 23-  
August 22

Change at work and at home is just around the corner. Be prepared. A family member has something important to tell you.



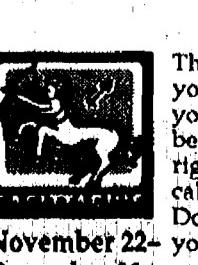
**Virgo**  
September 23-  
October 22

Your finances could be in trouble. Start putting away some extra money. Don't forget to return a friend's phone call.



**Libra**  
October 23-  
November 21

Life is too short to dwell on your shortcomings. Focus on the areas in which you do well and take steps to improve your skills in other areas.



**Scorpio**  
November 22-  
December 21

The special event you planned with your family may not be such a good idea right now. Everyone's calendar is full. Do something for yourself instead.

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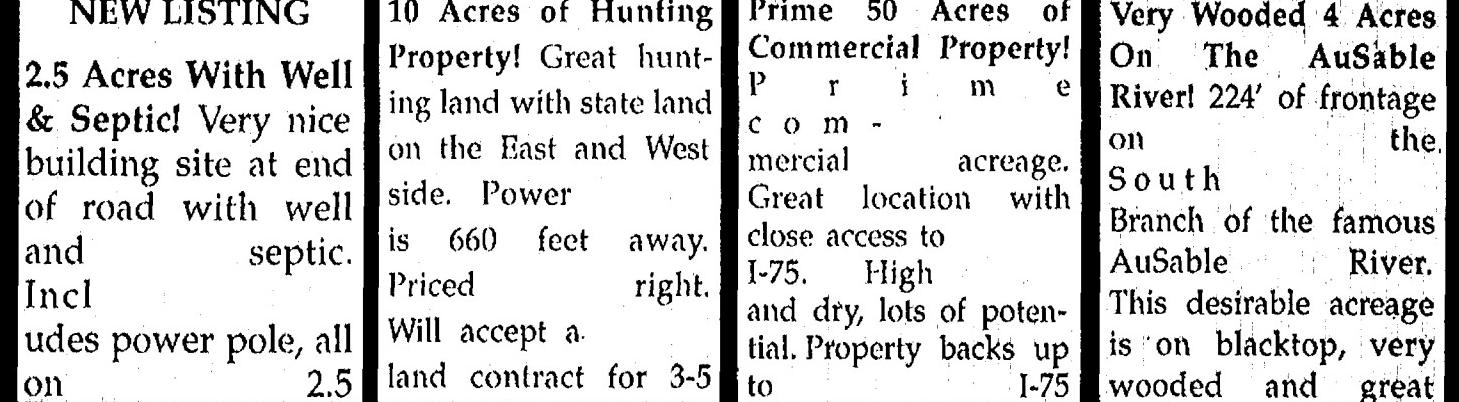
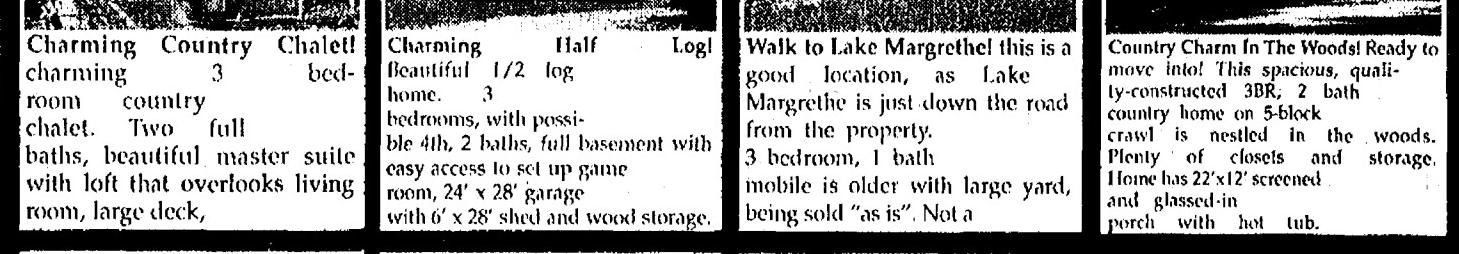
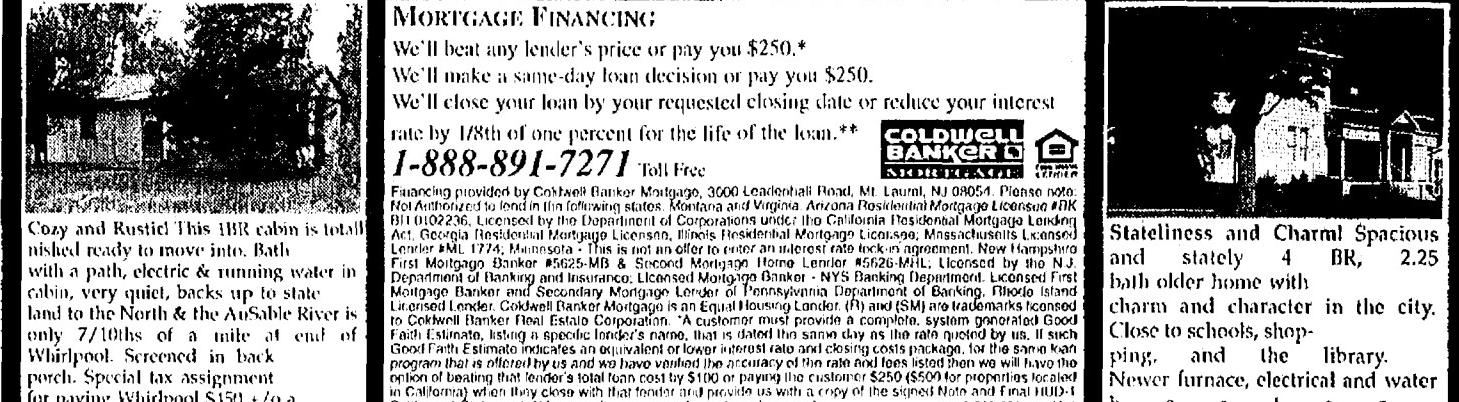
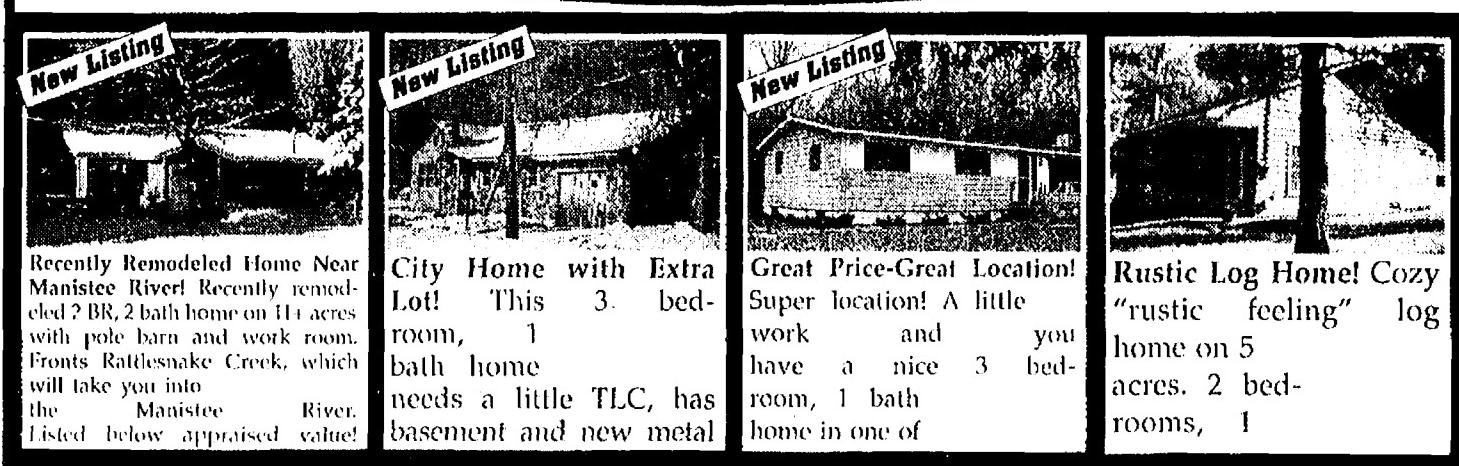
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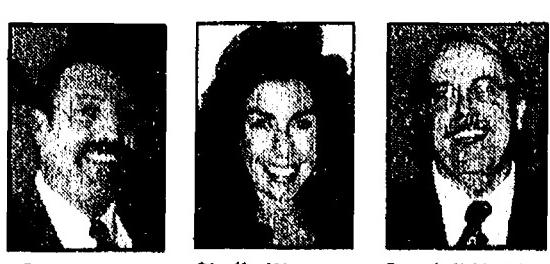
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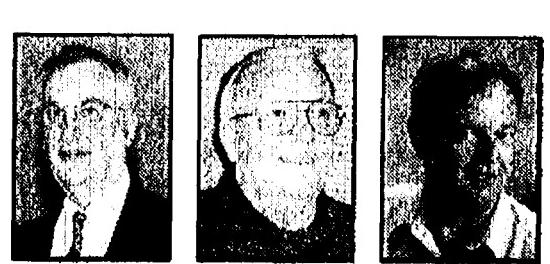
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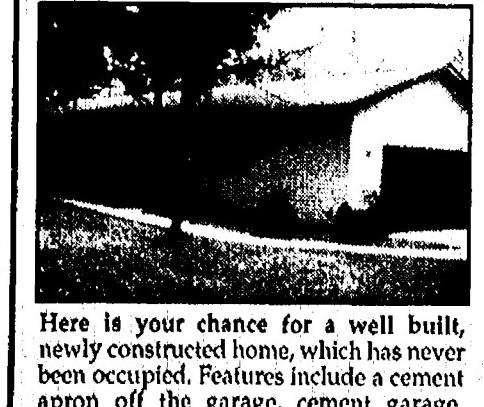


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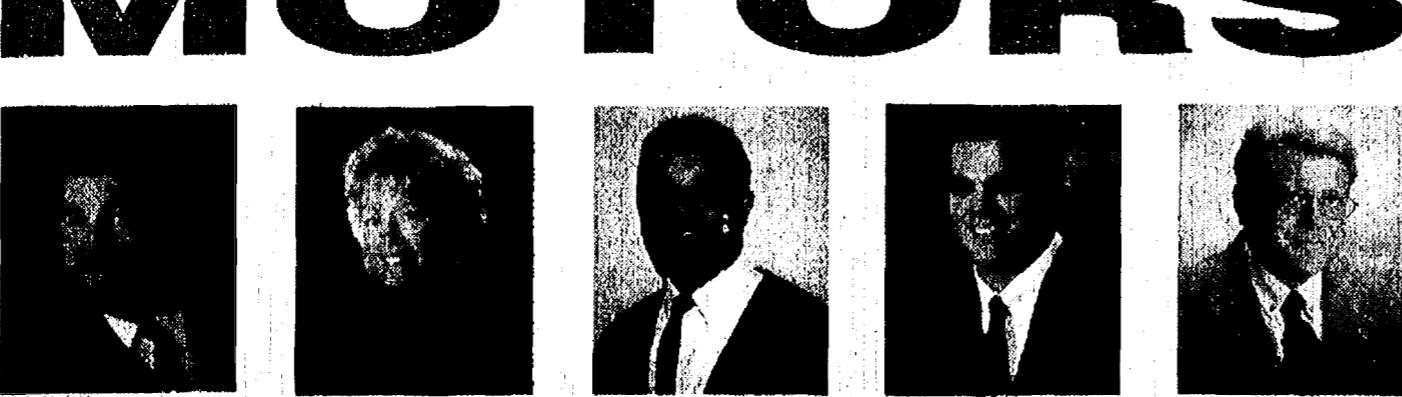
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## Prescription for patient safety: communication

When you have to head to the hospital it's usually because you're sick and need to get healthy again - it's not to get even sicker! However, preventable medical errors happen everyday in hospitals across the country, putting thousands of patients at risk. That's why the University of Michigan Health System (UMHS) is trying to prevent these errors and to help keep patients safe.

"A few years ago, the Institute of Medicine came out with a report indicating that medical errors account for tens of thousands of deaths and many more near-deaths every year in U.S. hospitals," says Sanjay Saint, M.D., M. P. H., associate professor of internal medicine at UMHS as well as at the Ann Arbor VA Hospital. "This is far too many people suffering from errors that can be prevented."

According to the Agency for Health Care Research and Quality, part of the Department of Health and

Human Services, medical errors happen when something that was planned as part of medical care doesn't work out, or when the wrong plan was used in the first place. Saint says one reason for this is lack of communication.

"There are several potential safety hazards that patients face when they enter the hospital," notes Saint. "One main hazard is the lack of communication between the patient's outpatient provider and the main patient provider. Meaning, important information may not be transmitted from the patient's primary care physician to the doctor the patient sees once they are admitted in the hospital."

A medical error may lead to an adverse event, an event that was caused by medical management rather than by the underlying disease or underlying condition of the patient. Adverse events range from having a reaction to a medication to having a procedure go awry to even

developing a hospital-acquired infection.

Saint says, "The inpatient setting can lead to several types of medical errors. One big issue is infections. Patients who get admitted to the hospital often will get devices put into their veins to help carry medications, as well as getting devices that are put into their bladder to collect their urine. If these devices are not managed properly they both can lead to life-threatening infections."

UMHS has taken a pro-active approach in tackling patient safety issues. In 2000, the U-M Patient Safety Enhancement Program was developed to improve the quality of patient care by conducting research that focuses on methods of avoiding or preventing adverse patient outcomes or injuries that stem from the process of health care.

"What we are trying to do at the University of Michigan is to proactively implement new interventions to prevent adverse events

before they occur," notes Saint, director of the U-M Patient Safety Enhancement Program. "And then we will study the results to see if these patient safety interventions make a difference in the real world."

UMHS patient safety researchers recently were able to show by using antiseptic coated catheters, hospital acquired infections went down by nearly 36 percent. Saint says they are also developing other measures to ensure patient safety.

"One of the important problems and challenges faced by hospitals everywhere is how to get timely information to the referring physician when a patient is discharged from the hospital," says Saint. "Here at U-M we are trying to automate the system so that a one-page discharge document gets faxed or e-mailed immediately to the referring physician, and a copy of the document is also given to the patient so they can keep it for their own records."

"The best way for a patient to help prevent a medical error is to have them become an active member in their care," says Saint. "The patient needs to ask questions throughout their treatment and be aware of what their diagnosis is, as well as what medications they are being prescribed."

Saint recommends patients use the following patient safety guidelines from the Agency for Health Care Research and Quality:

- Speak up if you have questions or concerns. Choose a doctor who you feel comfortable talking to about your health and treatment.
- Keep a list of all the medicines you take. Tell your doctor and pharmacist about the medicines that you take, including over-the-counter medicines such as aspirin, ibuprofen, and dietary supplements like vitamins and herbs.
- Make sure you get the results of any test or procedure. Ask your doctor or nurse when and how you will get the results of tests or procedures.
- Talk with your doctor and health care team about your options if you need hospital care. If you have more than one hospital to choose from, ask your doctor which one has the best care and results for your condition.
- Make sure you understand what will happen if you need surgery. Ask your doctor and surgeon: Who will take charge of my care while I'm in the hospital? Exactly what will you be doing? How long will it take? What will happen after the surgery? How can I expect to feel during recovery? Tell the surgeon, anesthesiologist, and nurses if you have allergies or have ever had a bad reaction to anesthesia.

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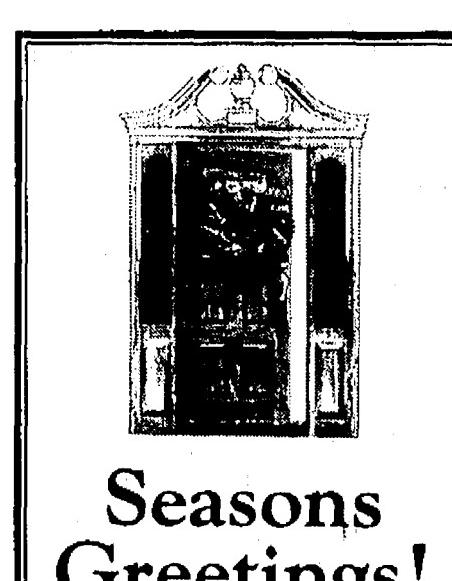
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